

Of Coup and Control Africa's Leaders Start to See Need for a Change in Tactics

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By Keith B. Richburg Waitington Post Service DAKAR, Senegal — Africa's ewest coup leader-cum-president is also its youngest, and he made al summit meeting this week of the continent's heads of state. Captain Valentine Strasser, 27, the babyed president of Sierre Leone, arrived at the conference hall dressed in camoallage battle fatignes and a black beret, and promised to return his dirt-poor country to democracy "at the soonest possible time."

At the opposite end of the spec-An life opposite cat of the spec-trum, in terms of longevity, is Afri-ca's most senior president, the 86-year-old Félix Houphooet-Boigny of Ivory Coast. He has ruled his country single-handed for 32 years + and for the last five months, he has roled it from France, where he has been either vacationing or con-valescing, depending on which version of the story is believed.

In many ways, the youthful Cap-tain Strasser and the feeble Mr. Houphonet-Boigny represent the two traditional paths to leadership in post-colonial black Africa: unelected military men who seize power through coups, or aging anti-colonial fighters who led their countries to independence and have continued to cling to power and stifle most dissent for decades. It is supposed to be a new era of democracy around the world, and African leaders themselves are talking of the need to follow the trend. But the summit meeting of the Organization of African Unity, which ended Thursday, stood out mainly as a reminder of just how

far the continent has to go. Few of the 29 presidents and 10 prime ministers who came to Sene-. gal are in power as the result of fair elections. The majority are military relers, heads of single-party states or strongmen in nominally multiparty states where opposition is ightly controlled or suppressed. Frederick Chiluba of Zambia is

one of this year's new summit faces and one of a handful here who can m a popular mandate. He. cann a population of legitimacy. Tacing Africa's leadership.

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Take Stake

By Roger Cohen

New York Times Service

Ltd.-of Canada, seeking to gain a

strong position in Europe's fast-

growing and increasingly open tele

communications market, said

Thursday it would pay 1.3 billion

frances (\$265 million) for a 39 per-

cent stake in Matra Communica-

tion, the telecommunications arm

of France's Matra SA defense and

-Under the two-stage operation, Northern Telecom will initially pay

about \$135 million for a 20 percent

stake in Matra Communication. At

the same time, the Canadian tele-

\$130 million loan to the French

company, convertible into a 19 per-cent equity stake from 1995.

At a time when the 12-nation

European Community is just six

months from becoming a single, frontierless market, and when tele-

communications opportunities abound in the former Soviet bloc, Northern Telecom's decision clearly reflected a desire to gain a strong

foothold in Europe and compete head to head with American Tele-

This is aimed at strengthening Northern Telecom's growing pres-

ence in the European market," said Paul G. Stern, the chief executive of

the company, which is based in

Matra Communication's other

major shareholder is Daimler

Benz's AEG subsidiary, with a 10

percent stake. The deal thus places

Northern Telecom at a strategic

point in Europe's high-technology

The companies said they would

set up a 50-50 joint venture to de-

velop products in so-called GSM

radio communication, the standard

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"The map of Africa is almost a complete tale of coups d'état and other forms of military insurrection," he told his colleagues in a bruising speech surprising for its candor. "Peaceful change of government is a concept we are only now beginning to grasp,"

Mr. Chiluba came to power through one of the few peaceful transitions, defeating Kenneth Kaunda, the longtime president, in an election last year. Among the other new faces, Captain Strasser toppled President Joseph Momoh in a coup in Sierra Leone in April, and President Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia, making his first summit appearance, came to power in May 1991, when his gnerrilla army de-feated a Communist regime.

Other leaders here control only portions of their countries. Libe-ria's interim president, Amos Sawyer, was installed by a West African peacekeeping force after a civil war. He concedes that he controls little beyond the capital, Monrovia. The Somali delegation, led by the nominal prime minister, Artic Ghalib, represents an even smaller chunk of terrain: a few blocks of war-ravaged Mogadishu.

Some African leaders in trouble at home because of growing pres-sure for democracy did not show up at all. Zaire's embattled presi-dent, Mobuth Sese Seko, stayed away; he is confined to a vacht indefinitely plying the Zaire River while a national conference debates his fate. Daniel arap Moi of Kenya and Hastings Kamuza Banda of Malawi, both of whom have seen their foreign aid slashed by donors demanding liberalization, also avoided the meeting.

If the assembled leaders needed any reminder of the precarious nature of power on this continent, it came on Monday, the opening day of the meeting, when President Mohammed Boudiaf of Algeria was assassinated in his country. Although the continent is brac-ing for possibly profound changes in the coming year, only one of the present leaders — the outgoing See AFRICA, Page 4



Spread of Truckers' Blockade Paralyzes France A German tour bus, right, taking to the shoulder of the AI toll highway near Senlis, northeast of

Paris as it sought to skirt stationary trucks. Truckers the protesting the imposition of a point system of driving rules, which they say could cost them their permits and thus their liveliboods. Page 2.

Surge in Jobless Rate Sets Off Fear of Relapse In the U.S. Economy

By John M. Berry Washington Past Service WASHINGTON — The U.S. unemployment rate surged unex-pectedly last month to 7.8 percent. the highest level in more than eight years, the government reported Thursday, leading the Federal Re-serve to cut its discount rate amid fears that the economy was faltering again.

The central bank cut the key rate to 3 percent, the lowest level in 29-years, and most of the nation's major hanks reduced their prime lending rates in response.

The Labor Department reported that a drop in employment and a big increase in the number of people seeking jobs pushed the unemployment rate up from May's 7.5 percent rate, which had been up a similar amount from April's 7.2 percent figure.

Not only did the number of jobs decline by roughly 100,000 in each of the department's separate surveys of American bouseholds and businesses, bot the oumber of hours worked by those on the job also fell, A decline of another 58,000 payroll jobs in manufacturing last month, coupled with a decline in hours worked, indicated factory productioo probably fell last month, analysts said.

In cutting its discount rate, the interest rate it charges on loans to financial institutions, from 3.5 percent to 3 percent, the Fed said it was responding to very weak growth of credit and the money supply, which central bank officials fear may be a signal that economic growth will slow even further in coming mooths.

The rise in unemployment and the weak economic growth that goes along with it were bad news for President George Bush's re-electioo campaign. Mr. Bush's ap-proval ratings have plunged this year partly because of the state of the economy.

Most major U.S. banks reduced their prime lending rates to 6 percent from 6.5 percent. That reduc-tion should reduce borrowing costs for businesses, most of whose bank loan rates are tied to the prime, and uity or car loans.

Dilemma for Bush Should He Remain Upbeat **Or Be Sober on Economy**

By David E. Rosenbaum New York Times Service

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WASHINGTON - The bad economic news Thursday underscored a serious split among President George Bush's staff members over whether he should appear upbeal or more sober about the economy at this critical point in election-year politics. Some important advisers like Samuel K. Skinner, the White House

chief of staff; Robert M. Teeter, the campaign chairman, and Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady argue that as a rule the president should put the best face on the economy to build confidence.

But others, particularly Vice President Dan Ouavle and Michael J. Boskin, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, insist that Mr. Bush should moderate his tone so that voters do not see him as unsympathetic and out of touch.

The dispute, which had been building for weeks, first came to a head June 22 at a senior staff meeting, according to people who were

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there, when Mr. Skinner and Mr. Boskin lost their tempers and began shouting. But that dispute did not resolve the disagreement.

This is still going on more or less and is certain to continue because there is so much doubt about the economy," an official said. "What happened today with unemployment and the interest rates will only complicate matters."

The disagreement between Mr. Boskin and Mr. Skinner was divulged by people on Mr. Boskin's side and is an attempt on their part to win Mr. Bush's support on a matter of substance as well as

Since last year, Mr. Boskin, Mr. Quayle and their supporters have advocated pressing Congress hard for what Mr. Bush calls his "growth package" — primarily tax breaks to increase investment and stimulate construction and real estate.

But Mr. Skinner, Mr. Brady and others believe the president would lose such a fight with the Democratic Congress and should not risk a confrontation.

Mr. Bush himself took a middle course Thursday in a news conference oo Capitol Hill. "The economy is still growing," he said, ooting that employment data are what economists call a "tagging indicator" - meaning they begin to improve after the overall economy has turned around

But Mr. Bush quickly added, "I've always said unemployment for ooe person, that's 100 percent, and that's too much. And so, we've got to keep moving till we get it back the way I'd like to see it in terms of economic growth."

If the economic recovery is flattening out again, as it did last summer, it could hardly have happened at a worse time for the president. History shows that the condition of the economy is one of

Saddam Quelled Guards' Putsch, Dissidents Assert

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LONDON - A mechanized brigade of Iraq's elite Republican Guards tried to overthrow President Saddam Hussein earlier this week, Iraqi dissidents said Thursday. If confirmed, the coup attempt would be the first reported in more than a year. It follows reports of intensified covert U.S. aid to Mr. Saddam's opponents.

The Republican Guards are a pillar of the Baghdad government. If one of their units did indeed attempt a coup it would mark a serious weakening of support for the Iraqi ruler within the military.

The opposition Iraqi National Congress said in a state-

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said in his veto message.

ment issued at its London headquarters that the brigade, commanded by Brigadier General Sabri Mahmoud, moved toward Baghdad but was defeated in a battle on the northwestern outskirts of the capital on Monday. The report could not be independently confirmed. The

Baghdad government has banned most foreign news organizations. However, a senior Kurdish rebel source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that he had received similar reports from Iraqi contacts in Jordan and Turkey, and said he had reports of arrests in the aftermath of the cono attempt.

The statement from the congress made no mention of

casualties in the fighting. But it said that General Mahmoud, from the oorthern oil city of Mosul, was killed when his men were intercepted by Mr. Saddam's Special Security battalions.

These are led by General Kamal Mustafa, a relative of the Iraqi president from his hometown of Tikrit, north of Baghdad.

The congress, quoting unidentified Iraqi military sources, asserted that "many of the coup planners remain

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In addition to the discount rate cut, the Fed reduced its target for the key federal funds rate - the interest rate financial institutions charge each other for overnight loans - from 3.75 percent to 3.25 percent. Many other short-term rates, incloding those for threemonth Treasury bills and rates on certificates of deposit at financial institutions usually are influenced by the federal funds rate.

The reaction of investors and financial analysts to the employment report and the Fed action raised the possibility that long-term borrowers, such as homebuyers seeking mortgages and corporations fall, too. Yields on 30-year Treasury bonds fell about a tenth of a percentage point, to 7.63 percent.

In New York trading, the dollar fell more than a pfennig against the Deutsche mark, and the stock market slipped. (Page 12)

Now rates on 30-year fixed-rate home mortgages could decline by one-tenth of a percentage point or more, based on Thursday's market reaction, analysts said. Such a drop could help the housing industry, which, like the entire economy, has been struggling recently after chalking up large gains in the first three months of the year.

The extent of the bad news in the Labor Department report caught most analysts, including those at the Fed, by surprise. Sam Kahan, chief economist at

Fuji Securities in Chicago, called the report "a shocker because it is at variance with other data we have

Mr. Kahan said he and other analysts and the policymakers had to decide "whether the June weakness was an aberration or symp-tomatic of more pervasive weakness in the economy.

"If I decide I believe it, then I am going to shave off a percentage

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the most important factors in whether a president wins re-election and that the summer of election years is when voters frame their views about the economy. Michael S. Lewis-Beck, a political scientist at the University of

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UN Force Bulls Way To Sarajevo Airport

By Blaine Harden Washington Past Service SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovi-

selling bonds, will see those rates na - A Canadian infantry battalion bulled its way Thursday through a Serbian roadblock outside this besieged city and deployed 40 armored vehicles around the pe-

rimeter of Sarajevo airport. With the arrival of the beavily armed UN peacekeepers, the air-port was declared ready to accept up to eight relicf flights a day.

[As this was happening, the U.S. Defense Department said American warships had been pulled out of the Adriatic, where they had been deployed to support the relief missions, Reuters reported from Washington.

Pete Williams, a Defense Department spokesman, said the seven warships, sent into the Adriatic on Monday as a warning against Serbian aggression in Bosnia, were withdrawn to make previously scheduled U.S. Independence Day visits to other Mediterranean ports. [The deployment of the vessels, with its implications of direct U.S.

military involvement, had caused concern in the American high command, which has no taste for action in what was Yugoslavia. Advisers to President George Bush were also fearful of the domestic political cost of U.S. action in a cause that

many in the United States consider to be Europe's affair. Two large cargo aircraft, one

hauling French relief food and the other with American-donated medicines, landed Thursday afternoon and were unloaded for UN-escorted transport into the city center. A total of 12 flights have landed in Sarajevo in the past three days.

"This operation is palpably building up a head of steam," said Fred Eckhardt, a spokesman at the airport for the UN operation. "So

far it is working." [French, Egyptian and Ukraini-an troops will replace Canadians at Sarajevo to reflect the religious divisions in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the UN secretary-general, Butros Bu-tros Ghali, said Thursday, according to an Associated Press report from London.1

The Canadian battalion, which the United Nations has insisted was essential for starting what is to be a massive international airlift. rolled into the battered city only after its commander, an infantry colonel, refused to obey a no-go order from a drunk and belligerent Serbian militia commander.

According to Major General Lew Mackenzie, head of the UN force in Sarajevo, the battalion was stopped and turned back on Wednesday night at a Serbian roadblock about 120 kilometers (75 miles) northwest of the capital.

After retreating 18 miles and waiting overnight, the commander

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By Laurie Goodstein Washington Past Service

NEW YORK - Given the size of the crowd gathered round, and all the hands stretched tentatively and reverently to touch it, you would think a spacecraft from the planet Zeno had landed on 34th Street.

Mike Lopez stepped forward and inserted a quarter into the slot. The green door glided open and 27 heads leaned forward to look. Murmurs of awe and apprehension: "There's a

mirror in there? Get-out-of-here!" "What if the door doesn't open?" "It's incredible - I would never use it. You would think New Yorkers had never seen

a pay toilet.

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The debut of six French toilet kiosks on city streets provoked so much curiosity that few dared to use them. Some fretted that the door would not open on them, while others fretted that it would.

A crowd set upon Mr. Lopez as he emerged from the bullet-shaped chamber, "How was it?" a dozen voices chimed.

"I didn't use it," Mr. Lopez said, folding his tattooed arms across his chest. "I was just checking it out"

Step inside and the door shuts antomatically. It feels like the cramped efficiency of an airplane restroom, with a door book to hang your bags that positions them directly in your face when you sit down. The toilet seat and floor are wet,

having been mechanically sprayed with cleanser after the last visitor. This takes some getting used to.

An electric-eye appliance at chest level washes your hands, first with soapy water, then clean water, then dries them with hot air. All for 25 cents.

The cynics on hand for the unveiling Thursday predicted nasty scenarios involving pickpockets and prostitutes and push-in muggings. Two police officers stood behind the crowd to see that nothing of the sort materialized. There was a protester, and a retailer raying about his lawsuit to remove the two toilets - one for the disabled and one for the rest of the public — blocking the display windows of his jewebry store. started for installation," said Joan K. Davidson, president of the J.M. Kaplan Fund, which creat-

juggled a diamond ring from pinkie to pinkie. "I can't be having toilets in front of my store."

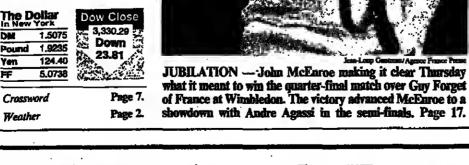
But many greeted the arrival of clean, cheap public restrooms with relief. When the Municipal Art Society recently held a contest soliciting ideas for improving New York, the most frequent suggestion was to build public toilets. ft only took a year and a half of wrangling to bring the French toilets to New York. "We had to deal with 13 city agencies, we had to get a law changed in Albany, we had to worry about archaeology because bones were discovered when the digging

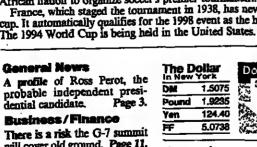
"I have a lot of fine pieces in my store," said ed the apuly named Public Toilets Working Adam Gindi, owner of Gindi Fine Jewelry, as he Group.

Naysayers warned that the enclosed kiosks would guickly become convenient crime incubators. Before holes were even dug to connect the plumbing the Daily News columnist Denis Ha-mill enumerated the seven plagues of public toilets: Drugs. Push-ins. Prostitution. Panhandling. Extortion. Vagrancy. Vandalism.

He may have a point. Edris Mohammed, a salesman watching from his store, said he saw two men trying to hold open the door and collect money from toilet patrons. Mr. Mohammed alerted a police officer, who shooed the men

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Bush Vetoes Voter Registration Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) - President George Bush vetoed legisla-

tion Thursday that would require states to register voters when they apply for drivers licenses or government benefits, saying it would impose needless, costly and constitutionally questionable federal

"It would also expose the election process to an unacceptable risk of fraud and corruption without any reason to believe that it would increase electoral participation to any significant degree," Mr. Bush

will cover old ground. Page 11. The EC approved French aid to Bull, angering Britain. Page 13.



Paralysis Sets In As French Truckers Solidify Blockade

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By Barry James International Herald Tribune

PARIS - French truckers stepped up their blockade of the nation's tollways Thursday, creating widespread chaos, economic dislocation, fuel and food shortages, and frustration for thousands of tourists trapped in the gridlock.

They gave oo sign that they would soon end their protest against stiffer penaltics for driving offenses. The transportation minister, Jean-Louis Bianco, warned that the situation was becoming "very dangerous for the ecocomy." The protest, which started Monday, trapped thousands of tourists

oo the first week of the vacation season, and caused shortages of gasoline and fresh food in Lille, Lyon and Toulonse.

Britain sent its diplomats to aid stranded British travelers and

warned its subjects to avoid the toll highways. One bus party of 55 Britons, including 21 children, was stuck for the third day on Thursday at a service station south of Paris. The group was en route to a vacation in Spain.

To make matters worse, farmers opposing limits on European Community subsidies used their tractors to block some secondary

The truckers are angry about a law in place since Wednesday. which gives the police the power to remove points from drivers whose behavior puts others at risk. Examples of such behavior: straddling a solid white line, speeding, changing lanes without signaling, and driving under the influence of more than the legally permitted amount of alcohol. Motorists start with six points; when

all are lost, they lose their driving privileges. The truckers say that because they drive more they are more likely to lose points, and that when they lose their permits they also lose their livelihoods.

The government has replied that because the truckers drive more they will be the first to benefit from a measure designed to curb the worst accident toll in the European Community. There were more than 10,000 deaths on the roads of France last year. Moreover, a similar point system is in effect in other EC countries.

The government also says that professional truck drivers ought to know the law well enough not to break it. One concession was offered, but in vain. The authorities said they

would oot immediately use evidence from tacbygraphs in applying the new penalties. The tachygraphs, fitted in all heavy truck cabs. provide a record of hours worked and speeds driven.

After nightlong orgoniations, the truckers started to lift one blockade of more than 1,000 trucks along a section between Paris and Lyon, while keeping others in place. The highway is the main artery between Paris and the Mediterranean.

The government carried out its threat to start confiscating the permits of truckers on Thursday when about 40 drivers tried to block. the Peripherique, the highway that rings Paris.

But it was not clear what other action the authorities could take. The truckers appeared to have no real leaders with whom to negotiate - apart from those, as the newspaper Libération put it, who can shout the loudest. And these warned that if the police charged them, they would abandon the trucks where they stood. Even if the police tried to remove the trucks with heavy lifting equipment, experts said, it could take days to clear the roads.

Peugeot automobile plants in France and Britain were forced to halt production because bundreds of truckloads of assembly parts were caught in the blockades.

Meanwhile, farmers temporarily blocked the high-speed railroad between Paris and Nice.

The truck drivers were blocking • The A47 between Lyon and St. • The A72 between SL Etienne these toliways on Thursday night; • The AI in at least t0 places between Paris and Lille, with the and Clermont-Ferrand. • The A9 between Orange and first blockade at Senlis, just north of Charles de Gaulle Airport, Montpellier. • The A13 between Paris and • The All between Paris and Rennes. Rouen and Caen. • The A62 between Bordeaux and • The major roads leading into Lille, including the A21 from Douai, the A22 from Gbent and the A23 from Valenciennes. In addition, these nontoll pational

highways were blocked: The RN7, in two places near • The A7 in several places be-tween Lyon and Marseille.

Lyon. • The RN86 between St. Etienne • The A40 between Geneva and and Montpellier. • The RN89 between Clennont-

• The A41 between Lyon and Ferrand and Bordeaux.
 The RN10 year Pointers. Grenoble

Compiled by Our Staff From Dupatches WASHINGTON -- The United States has parable steps to reduce their arsenals of shortrange nuclear weapons. completed a withdrawal of all its short-range Last month. Presidents Bush and Yelisin

agreed during summit talks in Washington to tactical nuclear weapons from bases around the world, making good on a pledge it made last fall, President George Bush said Thursday. make sharp reductions in long-range nuclear weapons as well. At NATO beadquarters in Brussels, a state-Mr. Bush said that every ground-launched

U.S. Brings Home All Tactical A-Arms

ment by the 16-nation coalition said, "The allies welcomed this information."

The alliance gave no figures on the oumbers of weapons removed from Europe. The allies agreed last fall to slash their nuclear arsenal in Europe by 80 percent - the biggest reduction in the history of the 43-year-old defense organization

The president said the move fulfilled a prom-At that time, officials said the alliance would ise he made Sept. 27, when he announced draget rid of more than 2,000 ouclear artillery manc changes in the U.S. nuclear arsenal to shells and short-range missiles and about 700 respond to the relaxation in East-West tenaerial bombs.

NATO sources said the allies had not ver "These historic measures would oot have finished reducing their stockpile of free-fall, or gravity, bombs.

Once the reduction is completed, the alliance's nuclear arsenal is expected to amount to 700 bombs, just a tenth the oumber of ouclear

weapons in the stockpile a decade ago. Some sources, insisting on anonymity, said

that only a small number of nuclear depth bombs had been returned to the United States. Britain and France, both members of NATO. maintain their own, independent nuclear arse-

Most of the U.S. battlefield nuclear arms had been in Germany. Others were in Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium and Greece.

In Germany, Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel warmly welcomed President Bush's announcement.

"This is great news," be said. "The complete climination of these weapons has come within reaching distance."

U.S. Panel Approves Pact

The U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Thursday approved the START nuclear arms reduction treaty signed a year ago by the United States and the Soviet Union, Reuters reported from Washington.

The treaty, which cuts long-range ouclear issiles and nuclear bombers, had been held up by the collapse of the Soviet Union. The disintegration of the single power left four former Soviet states with nuclear weapons.

(AP. Reuters)

How Much Did Bush Know?

Pentagon Warnings on Iraqi Nuclear Goals Date to 1985

By Douglas Frantz and Iraq between 1985 and 1990 found ment of Defense document indi-Murray Waas

battlefield nuclear weapon as well as truclear

weapons deployed aboard attack submarines

"Those weapons designated to be destroyed

are being retired and scheduled for destruc-

tion," Mr. Bush said in a statement at the White

been possible without the full support of our

allies around the world and without the far-

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He noted that Mr. Yeltsin and the leaders of

other former Soviet republics were taking com-

President Boris Yeltsin," Mr. Bush said.

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with potential nuclear applications was licensed for sale. United Na-Los Angeles Times Service WASHINGTON - Newly detions inspectors in Iraq have re-ported finding some U.S. technolclassified documents describe fears within the U.S. government that ogy used in Iraq's nuclear-weapons Iraq was diverting technology to its facilities. ouclear-weapons program as early

In an interview from the White as 1985, much earlier than previ-House Rose Garden, Mr. Bush said emphatically that the United States The documents cast serious was unaware of any diversion of doubt oo angry assertions this week U.S. technology to the Iraqi oucleby President George Busb that the United States was unaware of any

ar program. "We didn't know that." Mr. such diversion in the years before Bush said. "The State Department the Gulf War while Washington didn't know that." was providing billions of dollars in Mr. Bush said further that U.S.

aid and technology to Baghdad. assistance did oot belp President The warnings about the ouclear Saddam Hussein develop weapons strategy of Iraq are contained in of mass destruction. Department of Defense documents

lo response to a question on the CBS "This Morning" program, Mr. Bush said that the United States that sought restrictions on exports of U.S. technology with nuclear uses to Iraq. One memo referred to did oot "enhance his ouclear, bioa CIA report on an Iraqi strategy to logical or chemical capability." "I have an executive order out on develop ouclear weapons and the potential for diversion of technolspecifically that," he said. "And ogy from commercial programs to you have repeated something that

isn't true." Representative Sam Geidenson, Mr. Busb was referring to Na-Democrat of Connecticot, made tional Security Directive 26, his the documents available after the Oct. 2. 1989. order mandating clospresident's televised remarks. The er ties with Iraq in an attempt to material had been declassified by influence the behavior of Mr. Husthe Department of Defense at the sein. The order warned that broad request of Mr. Gejdenson, chair-

sanctions would be sought if Iraq man of a House Foreign Affairs tried to develop nuclear weapons. subcommittee investigating ex-U.S. intelligence agencies issued The administration's own docunumerous warnings about an Iraqi nuclear-arms effort before and afments tell us the president's denials are not true." Mr. Gejdenson said in an interview. "As early as 1985.

ter NSD 26, but the administration the Defense Department said we cannot trust the Iragis with nuclear documents show that U.S. authorities were aware of a nuclear protechnology because they are diverting it from other programs to their gram in Iraq and the threat of techoology diversion earlier than

162 instances in which technology cates that the administration considered expanding sales of military technology to Iraq in January 1990 in response to NSD 26. But the memo cited potential U.S. political opposition and proposed a lower evel of military cooperation. Mr. Bush's prewar assistance to

Iraq has come under increasing attack on the presidential campaign trail. The Democratic candidate, Bill Clinton, accused the president of "appeasement" of Mr. Hussein, and the likely independent candidate, Ross Peror, has accused Mr.

Bush of coddling Mr. Hussein, "It's pure, gut American poli-tics," Mr. Bush said of the criticism.

The aid policy, an attempt to persuade Mr. Hussein to adopt less belligerent policies by offering him assistance, dates to the administration of President Ronald Reagan. The oew documents describe the willingness under Mr. Reagan to provide Iraq with dual-use technology, equipment which could be used for commercial or military purposes. According to the documents, the State Department even resisted efforts to require that Iraq promise not to use American techcology in its nuclear program. A March 1985, Department of

Defense memo recommended that Iraq be required to certify that it would not use two American computers in its nuclear program if export licenses were granted. The memo said Iraq refused to provide took no steps to impose sanctions. the assurances, and the State De-The new Department of Defense partment was arguing against requiring them to do so.

The memo said that similar computers would not be sold to Israel without such assurances because Mr. Gejdenson said that an anal-ysis of U.S. exports approved for In addition, a separate Depart-Nonproliferation Treaty. Israel had not signed the Nuclear

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NEW YORK (AP) - Customs agents seized the French abortion bill RU-486 from a pregnant American woman who brought it with her from KU-460 from a pregnant chustakan wonan who brought it with her from England to set in motion a legal challenge to the U.S. ban on the drug. Agents had been told that the woman would be arriving with the pills at Agents had been one that that the pain at the pain at Kennedy Airport, and she freely admitted to carrying them when she was questioned Wednesday. Officials confiscated a dozen RU-486 pills. The 20-year-old woman, who identified herself only as Leona, was not

arrested The abortion pill was developed by the French pharmaceutical compa-try Roussel-Uciaf SA_RU-486 can be used only in the first 42 days of a pregnancy. It causes a fertilized egg to be expelled before it can be implanted in the uterine wall. RU-486 has been used legally by 100,000. women in Britain, France and China.

House Votes to Cut Navy's Staffing

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House approved a \$252 billion military budget on Thursday that punishes the navy for its handling of the Tailhook sex abuse scandal by slashing 10,000 positions from its head. quarters staff.

By a vote of 328 to 94 after just three hours of debate, the House adopted a package that is \$9 billion less than President George Bush had sought for the fiscal year beginning Oct. I. The bill would eliminate 10,000 administrative jobs at the navy's departmental and major command headquarters. The Senate is expected to complete its version of the bill in September.

Lawmakers have been outraged by the scandal, in which at least 26 women - half of them navy officers - said they were assaulted and molested by drunken aviators at a convention of the Tailhook Associanon, a private naval aviators group, in Las Vegas last year. Navy investigators found that officers closed ranks and impeded their inquiry into the incident.

Hitler Bunker Museum: Jews Recoil

BERLIN (AP) - Berlin's Jewish community expressed strong reservations Thursday against the wish of a city official to eventually open the buried runs of Hitler's bunkers to public viewing. Hitler committed suicide in the bunker complex in April 1945. The land over it was in the "death strip" along the Berlin Wall until East

Germany collapsed.

The Jewish community contends that "old and new Nazis" would flock to the bunkers and that this would be "a continuing irritation and insult to the victims of Nazism and their descendants." But Bedin officials emphasized that no decisions had been made on how to use the land. A Culture Ministry spokesman, Rainer Klemke, said there would not be a "place of pilgrimage for neo-Nazis."

IRA Kills 3 It Considered Informers

BELFAST (AP) — The Irish Republican Army took responsibility Thursday for the killings of three men accused of being informers for security forces. Officials said the men had been severely tortured.

The bodies were found late Wednesday in ditches near the border with Ireland, the police said. The BBC reported that all the bodies were naked

worked as informers for the security forces and had murdered an IRA member. The IRA identified the victims as Gregory Burns, Aidan Starrs

Khmer Rouge Spurns Call to Disarm

PHNOM PENH (AP) — The Khmer Rouge refused to respond Thursday to an appeal to disarm issued by the chief of the UN peacekeep in ing operation in Cambodia, Yasushi Akashi.

Mr. Akashi had asked the Khmer Ronge to respond by Thursday to -calls to lay down weapons, so democratic elections can be held oext year. The guerrilla group's president, Khieu Samphan, flew to Panom Penh to try to resolve the dispute. He was asked twice to answer the UN proposals, but he but would not respond directly, said a Western. diplomat

The Khmer Rouge has said it will not cooperate until more power is given to the Supreme National Council, to which it belongs along with eaders of the Vietnamese installed government and two other guerrills groups. It has also sought UN verification that all Vietnamese troops have left Cambodia. UN officers contend there is no evidence that any significant Vietnamese forces remain.

France Would Join Eurojet Project

MADRID (AFP) - Prime Minister Pierre Beregovoy of France said here Thursday that France was open to cooperation on a future European fighter aircraft. "If we can do something now, France will subscribe to that," Mr. Beregovoy said after talks with Prime Minister Felipe Gon-

Iraqis Seek **To Drain** A Haven

By Caryle Murphy and Nora Boustany

Washington Post Service CAIRO - The Iraqi government, in an apparent attempt to quell a tow-level but persistent Shiite Muslim insurgency, has begun efforts to drain parts of Iraq's vast southern wetlands and to move ci-

Iragis and Western officials. The projects appear aimed at depriving the rebels of their sanctuary in the marshes and 10 deny them assistance from civilians.

If successful, they would bring inder government control the one sector of Iraq's Shine population that has enjoyed a degree of inde-pendence because of its inaccessibility,

in Iraq.

Government forces control most

Iraq's Shiites, who make up

about 60 percent of the country's population, already have been the target of a decades-long brutal campaign by Baghdad's Sunnidominated government to wipe out their clergy and crase their religious beritage, according to a report by a UN investigator on buman rights

of southern Iraq by day. But the rebels, who receive limited support from Iran, are said to be active by night - even in cities, Although not considered a serious threat, their activities challenge President Saddam Hussein's attempts to reassert his authority over the area in the wake of a Shiite revolt last year. zales.

ers. Hot and mosquito-filled, it is

inhospitable for all but the inde-

pendent tribesmen who have lived

there for centuries, along with plentiful fish, birds and water buffalo.

One Western diplomat said sev-

en Iraqi troop divisions were de-

ployed in southern Iraq, and anoth-

er said that some of the soldiers had

been transferred from northern Iraq as "movement therapy" be-cause they had been on full alert

Iraq's National Assembly, which

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Council headed by Mr. Saddam,

approved a plan in April to relocate

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More recently, the government announced the "Third River Pro-

ject" - also called the "Saddam Hussein Leader Project" - to re-

claim agricultural tand by draining

Portrayed as a revitalization of

an earlier, abandoned effort to build a 350-mile (660-kilometer)

canal, an Iraci source said the pro-

ject was also meant to deprive the

rebels of their hiding places and to

boild access roads into the

In recent weeks, the military has

reportedly shelled villages in the

marshes by night, perhaps boping to induce the population to take up the government's resettlement of-fer, UN and Western sources said.

Some diplomats said they feared

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The Irish Republican Army said the men were IRA members who had

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Rabin Finds Coalition Is Elusive

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Reuters

JERUSALEM - Yitzhak Rabin, leader of the Labor Party, won a mandate Thursday to form Israel's next government, but parties of the left and right that be is wooing for a coalitioo held out for a better

Mr. Rabin, saying President Chaim Herzog had asked him to assemble a government within 21 days, declared: "My goal is to ar-rive at a broad coalition that will enable us to carry our main policies, that is to advance the peace process with priority given to the Palestinian delegation."

Mr. Rabin, 70, defeated Prime Minister Vitzhak Shamir's rightist Likud government last week. But he has to entice at least two

of the smaller parties into a coalinon to ensure a majority in the 120seat parliament. Labor, which has 44 seats, is trying to team up with the dovish Meretz bloc, which has 12, and the rightist Tzomet party, which has 8.

Meretz wants to see a Palestinian state alongside Israel. Tzomet is led by a former chief of staff, Rafael Eitan, who fiercely resists Mr. Ra-bin's pledge to curb Jewish settlement in occupied Arab land. Both say Labor's terms so far are unacceptable.



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Mr. Rabin meeting the press Thursday in Jerusalem after President Herzog officially asked him to form a government.

Algeria Appoints War Figure as Leader

ALGIERS - Ali Kafi, a veteran of Algeria's war of independence, was chosen head of state Thursday ambas to replace the assassinated Presi-dent Mohammed Boudiaf.

A day after Mr. Boudiaf's burial, the State Council said Mr. Kafi, 64, had been elected unanimously by his fellow members of the collective leadership. He is secretary-general of the national organization of vetcrans of the eight-year war that

won Algeria's independence from France in 1962. Although his appointment con-serves the committee's civilian ve-

neer, the real power is likely to continue to be held by the defense minister, Major General Khaled

Mr. Kafi bas been on the council Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches since it took power in January after a military coup toppied President Chadli Bendjedid and denied a victory to Muslim fundamentalists in Algeria's first free parliamentary elections.

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The government said Mr. Kafi's to having acted out of religious position on the council would be convictions," the French-language filled by Redha Malck, a former sador and minister.

Algerian newspapers, which op-erate under close official surveil-lance, reported Thursday that the suspected killer of President Boudial was associated with the Islamic Salvation Front and had acted out of religious conviction.

The Nation ocwspaper said the suspect's sumane was Boumaraf and that be was 26.

"He is believed to have confessed

daily Le Matin said. The Arabiclanguage El Khabar said the killer told the police, "Boudiaf was a

According to witnesses, at least

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two gunmen were involved in the attack Monday on Mr. Boudiaf in Annaba, east of Algiers. They said the police killed a uniformed assassin after be shot Mr. Boudiaf in the head and back. A second man was

captured after firing a submachine

The government version mentions only one assassin. The Nation reported that the

government had arrested 13 persons after the attack, but it did not provide details. (AP, Reuters)

Mubarak Issues Warning the government might be attempting to relocate the Shiite marsh President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt has warned Muslim fundadwellers in a plan reminiscent of meotalists against any "wroog moves" following the assassination of Mr. Boudiaf, Agence Francethe massive relocation of Kurds in the 1980s. Presse reported from Cairo. Mr. Mubarak became president after the 1981 assassination of Anwar

Sadat by Islamic extremists.

To case the qualms, aid proponents wrote in spending limits. These included an authorization of no more than \$620 million.

The Senate voted, 93 to 2, to remove provisions that would have relaxed criteria for determining the credit-worthiness of former Soviet republics in deciding whether to grant them credits for grain and other farm products.

It also included \$400 million already appropriated for 1992 aid to East European nations, including the three Baltic states, and \$450

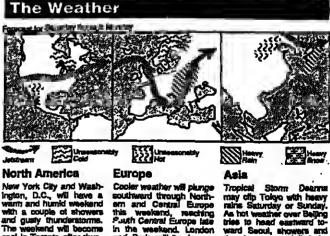
(WP. Reuters)

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France is developing its own fighter, the Rafale, while Spain, Britain and Italy are developing the EFA, or European Fighter Aircraft. Germathe marshes, an area of shallow, ny earlier this week dropped out of the EFA project. shimmering lakes and reeds between the Tigris and Euphrates riv-

TRAVEL UPDATE

Emirates, the airline of the United Arab Emirates, plans to start threetimes-a-week service between Dubai and Jakarta on Aug. 10. Jakarta is the 29th destination of the Dubai-based airline, which already has the 25th desimation of the Dibal-Deset alline, which alleady has developed links with Hong Kong, Singapore, Bangkok and Manila (AP) An indirect air link between China and Taiwan has been set up by Chinese and Taiwan travel agencies, the Xinhua press agency said Thursday. Philippine Airlines will fly three times a week from the mainland city of Xiamea to Manila and on to Taipei. The route will take It have a betting agencies are the first betting and on the first set of the set of 71/2 hours, about twice as long as via Hong Kong, but will cost slightly less. It will ease congestion on the overbooked Hong Kong route. (AP)



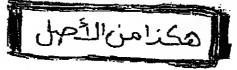
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the aid on the withdrawal of Rus-sian troops from Baltic countries. The aid legislation, drafted by the Foreign Relations Committee WASHINGTON - The long-The move was described as a aloog lines recommended by the delayed package of U.S. aid to Rusback-door attempt to scuttle the administration, calls for a broad sia has cleared a major congressio-oal burdle, with the Senate turning back a move to condition most of aid program. range of economic assistance to

In an attempt to satisfy concerns Russia and other republics of the about Russia's slowness in with- former Soviet Union. It also indrawing troops from Estonia, Lat- cludes a \$12 billion increase in the via and Lithuania, Foreign Rela-tions Committee leaders proposed used Monetary Fued. an alternative to start the money

flowing, and to cut it off if the Russian aid oackage probably troop-removal conditioos bave not would be approved by the Senate. been met after a year. A 12-month "grace period" was a big foreign aid bill duriog a recesapproved overwhelmingly Wednes- sion and an election year were com-

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U.S. Senate Pushes Through Russian Aid Bill

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Los Angeles Times Service

Mario M. Cuomo of New York has

declined to be considered for the

Democratic vice presidential nomi-

nation, narrowing Governor Bill

Clinton's search for a running mate

to four senators and a congress-

man, according to campaign

Mr. Cuomo's action, the sources

said, means the Arkansas governor

is focusing on Representative Lee H. Hamilton of Indiana and Sena-

tors Al Gore of Tennessee, Harris

Wofford of Pennsylvania, Bob

Many outside commentators

Kerrey of Nebraska, and Bob Gra-

have urged Mr. Clinton to select a

woman or member of a minority

group. But a Clinton campaign ad-viser said the governor decided he needed a tested political figure to

campaign in what is expected to be

an especially tough battle. Mr.

Cuomo enthusiastically supports Mr. Clinton's nomination, a

spokesman for Mr. Cuomo said.

Mr. Clinton, who has kept de-

tails of his search quiet, has not

decided whether to announce his

selection of a running mate next week, or to wait until the Demo-

cratic convention, which starts July 13, sources said. Mr. Hamilton said that be met

with Mr. Clinton about the post

Wednesday in Washington. The

61-year-old congressman, the rank-

ing Democrat on the House For-

eign Affairs Committee and chair-

man of the House Iran-contra

committee's hearings into the big-

gest scandal of the Reagan admin-

istration, said that if offered the post he would give it "very serious

Mr. Gore served three terms in

the House and is serving his second

term as a senator. He was not avail-

The 44-year-old senator did well

in debates and emerged relatively

inscathed during a losing race for the party's presidential nomination in the bruising 1988 campaign.

Mr. Graham might be an appeal-

ing choice, said a Clinton campaign

source, because he is a former gov-ernor - a qualification Mr. Clin-

ton rates highly - and because he would give the Democratic ticket a

better chance of carrying Florida.

an who was awarded the Congres-

sional Medal of Honor, would help

Mr. Clinton press his case for gen-

erational change and might miti-gate the issue of Mr. Clinton's ef-

forts to avoid the draft, But Mr.

Kerrey and Mr. Clinton were cool

to each other during the primary

campaign. Mr. Wofford, 66, would help Mr

Clinton in Pennsylvania and might galvanize hlacks and labor. But his

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Mr. Kerrey, 48, a Vietnam veter-

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The unconventional billionaire has transformed political assumptions and profoundly shaped the fall campaign, though he has not formally entered the race as an independent. He is virtually tied with President George Bush and Governor Bill Clinton in national opinion polls, but he leads state surveys in California, Texas, and Florida. His appeal has altered the strategies of the other candidates, leading both to embrace a reformer image that Mr. Perot embodies. He says he will run if supporters gather enough petition signatures to place his name on the ballot in all 50 states. He has fueled his drive with momerous TV interviews, and he is on the ballot in 19 states so far. He often avoids on the ballot in 19 states so far. He often avoids detailed discussion of his views but vows to present coherent policies this fall. He plans to spend what-ever is necessary of his own money to fun a "world-class" campaign, thus avoiding the \$55 million spending ceiling his competitors will face when they accept public funds. He did not run in any party primary elections. If he fails to win the presidency but wins some states, he could be a kingmaker in the Helectoral College by shifting his electors to another candidate. He has shown marked distaste for President Bush's policies and electors to another candidate. He has shown marked distaste for President Bush's policies and style. White House officials have called him a "monster," "weird," "temperamental," "para-noid," and a threat to the constitution. He says he is the victim of Republican "dirty tricks" that would make Hitler's propaganda chief proud.

Profile:

Age 62. Hard-driving, moralistic Dallas business-man and philanthropist. Net worth reportedly ex-ceeds \$3 billion. Has never held public office. Despises bureaucracy. Told an interviewer in 1970: "I would make a bad politician. I have no patience for red tape and inactivity." Born and raised in comfortable surroundings in East Texas. Attended the U.S. Naval Academy; class president. Complained about navy life and procedures and sought early discharge from active duty; served four years. Joined IBM and excelled as a computer salesman. Founded his own computer services company, Electronic Data Systems, in 1962 after IBM rejected his servicing idea. Won Incrative no-bid contracts to process government health insurance claims. A congressional investiga-tion of EDS contract bids and profit margins was inconclusive. Preferred regimentation and conformity among his employees, many of whom were ex-military men. EDS growth was explosive. On one day in 1968, Mr. Perof's assets grow by \$200 million when the company went public. Became a folk hero with the publication of Ken Follett bestsciler "On Wings of Eagles," which recounts his successful effort to break two EDS employees out of iail in Iran in 1979. Sold EDS to General Motors for \$2.5 billion in 1984. As GM's major shareholder and a board member, he failed to bring about major reforms in a bitter internal struggle. GM bought out his interest for \$700 million in 1986. Mr. Perot violated a separation agreement and formed a new company, Perot Systems, to compete with EDS. Friends regard him as direct, forcefal, whit LDS. Thenes regard him as arrect, foreral, unpretentious, compassionate and a born leader who believes in pure democracy. Some former associates see him as mocompromising, ruthless, eccentric, autocratic and prome to attack the mo-tives of those who disagree with him. He sought-ties with the Nixon White House and helped fi-nance United We Stand to rally support behind U.S. Vietnam policy. Financed many efforts to U.S. Vietnam policy. Financed many efforts to learn the whereabouts of U.S. soldiers missing in Southeast Asia and harshly criticized the Reagan and Bush administrations' handling of the issue. Has investigated suggestions that U.S. officials are suppressing information about missing soldiers for fear of revealing U.S. complicity in drug-sing-gling in Asia. Pursied tips on the private dealings of George Bush when he was vice president. Spear-headed education reform and anti-drug efforts in Texas at the request of the governor. Gives freely



the average guys have figured it out and nobody in Washington has. We're \$4 trillion in debt, and we don't have anything to show for it.... The Republican Party specifically has had a nasty campaign to redefine me in a negative way. . . . Who was in charge of anti-terrorism? George Bush. Who created Noriega? George Bush. Who was in the middle of Iran-contra? George Bush. For 10 years his fingerprints were all over creating Saddam Hussein and putting billions of taxpayer-gnaranteed loans in Hussein's pockct. . . . Words are plentiful hut deeds are precious. What do you think Lech Walesa was in Poland when the Communists had an absolutely iron grip on him? He was a shipyard worker. He was a nobody. Thank God be didn't understand

On the Issues:

Economy: Frequently attacks the federal debt. Has backed away from early comment that he could eliminate the deficit "without breaking a sweat" by eliminating waste, fraud and abuse, among other things. Says that a tax increase would be used only in an emergency, such as war, or if "we are just unable to pay our bills." Wants a closer relationship between government and business. Speaks admiringly of Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry but says he opposes a U.S. "industrial policy." Calls for simplifying the tax code to achieve "paperless" tax filing. Favors capi-tal-gains tax cut. Opposes amending the constitu-tion to require a balanced budget.

Trade: Wants to retaliate if other countries do not drop trade barriers. Opposes the U.S.-Mexico free trade pact. Decries the influence of Washington lobbyists - even though he has hired them on several occasions - and wants to ban lobbying on behalf of foreign governments and corporations. Says Washington has had inept trade negotiators. Military and Foreign Affairs: Often harshly critical of U.S. policy toward Japan, saying Washington must longhen its stance, but declares "Japan is not our enemy." Wants to bill Germany and Japan \$50 billion each to pay for the stationing of U.S. troops. Opposed U.S. involvement in Kuwait and the Gulf War, saying the president ultimately got involved because his "manhood" had been challenged. Suggested Israeli-aided assassination of Saddam Hussein. Says that if Saudi Arabia were invaded he would impose a naval blockade to event the export of oil. Describes the oil states of the Middle East as "just sand, snakes, scorpions and oil." Helped finance Oliver North's White House effort to free hostages in Lebanon. Agreed to finance an aborted Customs Service plan to hare drug dealers to a Caribbean island. Visited Hanoi in an effort to free missing U.S. soldiers and is accused hy at least one former White House offi-cial of trying to "take over" sensitive government negotiations with Vietnam. Strongly backs helping Russian reforms succeed. Education and Social Policy: At the Texas governor's request, he directed an effort to reform state public education, including the imposition of stan-dardized tests for students and teachers, smaller classes and a rule barring participation on sports teams without passing grades. He also spearhead-ed a drive in Texas to toughen drug laws and sentencing. He favors the right to abortion and the right of women to choose. He opposes a waiting period to buy handguns, saying he will find a way to keep guns out of the hands of commals "but it won't be pretty." He says he will not have cabinet members who are homosequals or adulterers. He has long been fascinated by direct democracy and favors an "electronic town hall" in which citizens would learn about issues on television and record their views instantaneously by phone, computers or interactive TV. He wants the wealthy to voluntarily forgo Social Security and Medicare benefits. He sees pluses and minuses in preferential hiring for blacks and other minorities but has not stated a firm position on affirmative action. He has no specific health care plan, but he suggests a "ratio-nal analysis" of options and pilot programs to test ideas. He would used mobile military units to bring health care to poor areas. He favors the death penalty. He supports sex education in schools, but not organized prayer.

Cuomo Tells Democrats Hire Sleuths to Check on Bush **Clinton He**

By Michael Isikoff Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The Democratic National Committee is spending up to \$30,000 this year on private investigators and outside reearchers in an effort to find information that might undermine George Bush's record - including delving into the president's personal finances and looking for possible improprieties in government dealings with Bush relatives. The inquiries are part of the committee's

"opposition research" operation and mark the first time that it is known to have employed such outside firms. It is one sign of the escalating resources both parties are devoting to digging for negative information.

The search for such information has become a staple of modern presidential campaigns and has become so energetic and extensive that each of this year's candidates now is trying to embarrass the others by exposing the extent of their research efforts.

Media reports that Ross Perot employed private investigators in the past to pursue damag-ing information about Mr. Bush erupted into a major issue last week. Since then, Republican and Democratic

campaign officials have strongly defended their opposition research units, insisting that they were engaged in entirely legitimate inquiries into the public records of their opponents.

"Anything in search of the record is part of the process," said Betsey Wright, who is over-seeing research for the campaign of the pre-sumed Democratic nomince, Bill Clinton. "That's different from dirty tricks."

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administration officials involved in cases relating to Bush relatives may provide particularly fertile ground. Federal Election Commission reports and interviews with participants show that the Democratic National Committee earlier this year hired Denton & Samuel, a small Washington-based firm that, according to a hrochure, specializes in "professional and discreet" investigations for labor unions involved in litigation or collective bargaining disputes.

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The committee wanted the firm to investigate allegations that the government's 1988 shut-down of the Silverado Savings and Loan in Denver was influenced by political considerations relating to past service on the thrift's board by Neil Bush, the president's son. Electinn Commission reports show the committee paid the firm a total of \$5,000 in March and April for either "compensation and fees" or prof serv-consulting."

Dan Carol, the committee's research director and chief of the party's opposition research unit, said the Democrats are planning to use another outside firm, not yet identified, to investigate aspects of the president's finances and past business affairs.

[Mr. Bush predicted Thursday that the hired investigators would "drill a dry hole" in looking for financial and business abuses, United Press International reported from Washington.

["Let them muck around in my garbage can," Mr. Bush said. "They're not going to find anything."]

The opposition research departments of both parties - "oppo," in campaign lingo - consist

The Democrats believe that the record of dministration officials involved in cases relating to Bush relatives may provide particularly public documents in search of inconsistencies. flip-flops, and past votes or statements that could serve as ammunition.

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David Tell, 32, the chief of opposition research for the Bush-Quayle campaign, said he had been specifically barred from searching for personal information about either of the president's opponents, and that anybody on his staff of six will be dismissed for doing so.

But current and past officials say a high level of sensitivity surrounds "nppo" efforts. For example, the opposition research units of both parties have used law firms or "research" firms to file Freedom of Information Act requests of government agencies, collect court documents or search presidential archives when they do not want it known who is doing the searching.

The emphasis on opposition research is largely the result of the extraordinary effectiveness with which the Republicans have used negative information about opponents in recent campaigns.

A little-known opposition research team in the 1984 re-election campaign of Ronald Rea-gan uncovered irregularities in the financial statements of Geraldine Ferraro, the Democratic vice-presidential candidate, and business "connections" between her busband, John Zaccaro, and organized crime figures - most of which was fed in journalists on the eve of the election, according to John B. Roberts, who spearheaded the effort for the Reagan-Bush re-election committee.

Iran Said to Print Phony \$100 Bills

Aim Is to Destabilize U.S. Economy, a House Report Says

International Herald Tribune WASHINGTON - A nonpartisan group representing Americans living overseas has launched a drive to register voters for the November elecreport tions, beginning at traditional

Fourth of July picnics in many of the world's major cities. The group, Federated League of Americans Around the Globe, or FLAAG, is seeking to identify unregistered U.S. citizens and is working House members.

with U.S. embassies and consulates, the two major political parties, Americans' organizaworld, the report alleged. tions, U.S. companies and most American Chambers of

Commerce. Voting materials will be distributed at many Fourth of July picnics. According to a FLAAG sur-vey, one-third of Americans abroad who did not vote in

1988 said they did not know how to obtain an absent voter's ballot, and 15 percent said they were maware that they were eligible to vote. While about half of the U.S. electorate voted in the 1988 presidential election, only 38 percent of Americans abroad did so.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche WASHINGTON - Iran is printing and circulating billions of dollars of counterfeit U.S. \$100 hills, according to a congressional

The counterfeit bills, described as "nearly perfect," are being circulated with the help of Syria through the international terrorist network and are showing up in Europe, Asia, Africa and the former Soviet tigates counterfeiting of U.S. money, refused to comment. The task republics, according to the report, issued by a panel of Republican force, an arm of the House Republican caucus, said that it was issu-

ing the report in response to erro-The aim is to destabilize the U.S. neous information in Iranian economy while easing Iran's deficit and buying influence around the English-language newspapers that the counterfeit hills were being produced by U.S. authorities.

While it could not be determined The report said that Iran was exactly how much fake U.S. money manufacturing the counterfeit money with U.S.-built printing Iran has placed into circulation, Iran's goal appeared to be to counpresses at the national mint in Tehterfeit about \$12 hillion a year, said ran, using U.S.-trained chemists and expertise nhtained from the Representative Bill McCollum, Republican of Florida, chairman of United States by Iran during the reign of the shah. It said that the the Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare.

hills were being printed on a com-"I believe there is the potential bination of locally manufactured for hillions of dollars of counterfeit paper and paper that could be "ac-U.S. currency to soon be in circula quired only hy governments." Vaugha Forrest, the task force tion, mainly ontside of the U.S. banking system," Mr. McCollum chief of staff, said the report was said. "Evidence in this report supports estimates that such sums may already be in circulation. The imbased on information from reliable sources in Iran and Syria.

plications for the dollar's role as The bills are being circulated worldwide with the help of Syria, the international medium of exchange could be serious.* While most Americans rarely handle \$100 bills, they are com-monly used in transactions abroad,

and officials said they often are the preferred currency for bribes, money laundering and drug deals. The Secret Service, which inves-

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ute xolwhich has been receiving weekly The shipments by air from Tehran, the report said. In Syria, it said, the bills are packed in small quantities **m**to to so his hip at Ta-iry und for distribution by drug networks in Lebanon, where they are exchanged for a much as 40 cents to ms 60 cents on the dollar. (AP, LAT) nd ; of y tes. are the hc he ost an his ile-ca ics ICbe jer of ro ter no nd no of no of the the π gh th he is the 25 m er, 12

to the Boy Scouts, ghetto schools, AIDS research, the arts, individuals in need of expensive medical treatment and political candidates of both parties. Loves to race fast boats. His heroes: his parents, Thomas Edison, the Wright brothers, Winston Churchill Presbyterian. Married with five chil-

dren.

Verbatim:

"Washington is an artificial city created with taxpayers' money. I want to be out in real cities, real towns, real rural areas created by the hard work and sweat of honest people so that I know firstand sweat of honest people so that I know Inst-hand what's going on. You say, 'Wait a minute, Perot. Aren't you just going to bounce around the world?' No. We've got to rebuild this country. See, we're still fighting the Cold War. And watch my lips. It's over. It's over. We will reorganize the government to reindustrialize and rebuild America. . . People want things fixed. They want a gry to get under the hood of the car and fix the engine. . . I see my mission as solving problems. Leadership is this: Have a goal; have a vision; assemble a talented team; get it done; go on to the next one. . . My philosophy of running a com-pany is this: Bring me people who are smart, tough, self-reliant. Bring me people who would have to be the best at whatever they do. Bring me the guys who love to win and the women who love to win. Often the best place to find those kinds of people is in the military. . . One of the first things I'd like to do is to ensure that folks walking ungs I'd-like to do is to ensure that folks walking up to a post office or coming to a government employee for service would be treated nicely and with a smile. A bigger problem, I think, is that we have an election system now that attracts people with huge egos with huge power drives who are willing to take all this punishment and abuse so that they can have the motor completed to have that they can have the motor cavalcades, have someone play 'Hail to the Chief' and go around on Air Force One. This has totally disoriented us from having our elected officials as servants of the

Energy and Environment: Only after the economy is sound and growing should major environmental. tasks be undertaken. Compiled by Paul F. Horvitz

Navy Report Found Perot 'Immature'

Los Angeles Times Service

WASHINGTON --- Some senior officers under whom Ross Perot "perved in the U.S. Navy judged him to be "emotionally maladjusted" and too immature to be a career naval officer after a 1955 incident in which he criticized the service and requested an early discharge, government documents show.

Gallbladder Surgery Is Likely for Sharon

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM --- Housing Minister Ariel Sharon has been hospitalized with stones in his gallbladder and apparently will have to undergo surgery, a doctor said Thursday.

Mr. Sharon, 64, entered Tel Aviy's Tel Hashomer Hospital on Wednesday complaining of sharp pain in his right abdomen, said Dr. Yaakov Yahav, the hospital's deputy director.

The assessments, contained in months of the four years of active official letters to the chief of naval duty that was required of Naval Academy graduates at the time. personnel commenting on Mr. Perot's request, included one in which Critics have suggested that Mr. Captain G.H. Miller, then com-mander of the destroyer division Perot's actions raise questions about his personality and character that may be important to assessing that included the ship on which Mr. Perot was serving, said the young officer was "emotionally maladhis fitness for the presidency. justed for a regular navy career."

some see as liabilities -- in this case a tendency toward himitness and A second letter, sent to the secretary of the navy and the chief of unbending insistence on the cornaval personnel by Rear Admiral rectness of his own values and opinions -are viewed by others as J.C. Daniel, commander of depotential strengths for a president who must deal with the nation's stroyer forces in the Atlantic fleet, said the evidence he saw "indicates that Perot is too immature to be problems.

entrusted with the leadership responsibilities inherent in sea duty." spokeswoman to comment on the Admiral Daniel recommended REDOFL

that Mr. Perot, then a heutenant he complained vigorously to the navy after learning that the docujunior grade, be transferred to a "purely administrative" assignment ashore.

Los Angeles Times. The Texas billionaire, an unde-Officials said the Naval Investiclared independent presidential candidate, has come under criticism for trying to obtain an early discharge after serving only 15 were disclosed.

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rights may have hurt him with Mr. Clinton, who has said he will make support for abortion rights a litmus test for his running mate.

Irate Lawyer Kills 2 in **Texas Court**

Complied by Our Staff From Dispatches FORT WORTH, Texas - A lawyer, bitter over the resolution of his divorce case, was in custody on \$2 million hail Thursday on charges of killing two attorneys and wounding two judges in a Forth Worth courtroom. George Lott, 47, of Arlington,

was arrested Wednesday afternoon at a Dallas television station, where said he carried out the shootings to call attention to a judicial system he said was out of control.

Officials in Peoria, Illinois, said Mr. Lott faced trial there later this month on charges of sexually abus-

ing his son. Shortly before the shootings, Mr. Lott was rebuffed in his attempt to get a judge in Peoria to hear his arguments against the abuse charges, said Kevin Lyons, district attorney in Peoria.

Mr. Lyons said that Mr. Lott called the Peoria court clerk's office Tuesday and Wednesday, about an

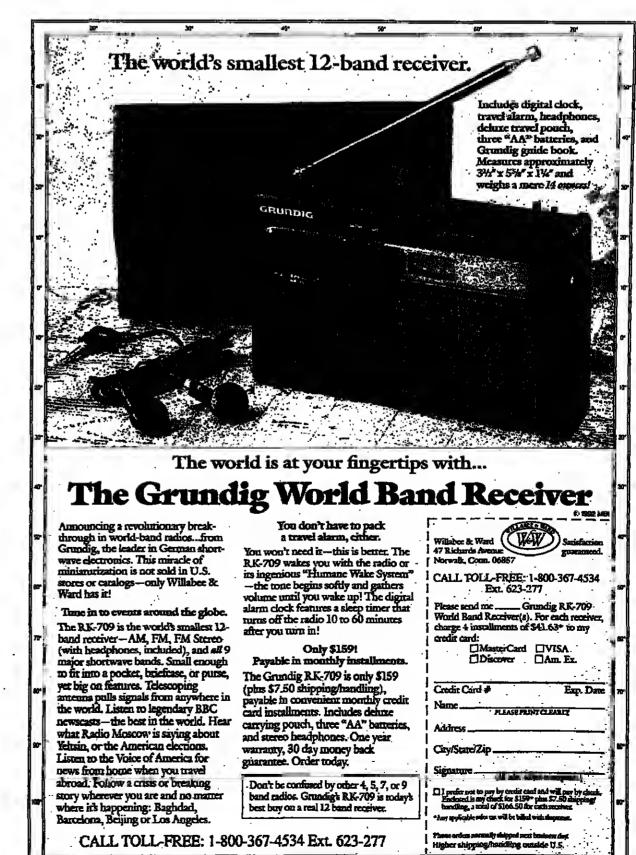
hour before the shootings. The shootings began about 9:45 A.M. during a meeting of a panel three judges in the Tarrant County Courthouse. An assistant Tarrant County dis-

trict attorney, Chris Marshall, 42, and a Dallas attorney, John Edwards, 33, were killed.

Judges John Hill, 48, and Clyde Ashworth, 69, were wounded. A third lawyer was grazed by a bullet. The suspect, who used a handgun, escaped the courthouse in the ensuing confusion.

Authorities said there were 35 At the same time, qualities that metal detectors in the courthouse but none was in use Wednesday. Mr. Lott told the television station that his divorce case had gone against him and that he had been planning the shooting for months. "I basically went in the courtroom and sat for a while and then got up apparently and shot five people. I was shooting at the court, Mr. Perot declined through a essentially, but other people got in the way or did things," he said. You've got to do a horrible, horri-However, navy officials said that ble thing to catch people's attention.'

Reports said Mr. Lott was diments had been examined by the vorced from Margo Best, also a lawyer, about two years ago. She moved to Peoria. There she filed gative Service had begun an investi- charges against him in March, acgation to learn how the documents cusing him of sexually abusing their son. (UPI, AP̄)



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U.K. and China to Negotiate Colony Airport Funds

De Klerk Accuses ANC of Making 'Artificial Crisis'

tutional manner."

come about in a negotiated consti-

The ANC has embarked upon a

campaign of mass action - strikes, street demonstrations and other

protests - and COSATU, the big-gest black labor confederation, has

called for a nationwide general

strike starting Aug. 3. Law and Order Minister Hernius

Kriel said in Pretoria later that Mr.

de Klerk's statement that the gov-

ernmeot would take "all steps nec-

essary" to prevent anarchy did not mean it was considering the impo-

sition of a new state of emergency.

few "hot spots" around the country

and that the government had "am-

He said that there were only a

By Laurence Zuckerman International Herald Tribune

HONG KONG - British and Chinese officials will meet in Beijing starting Friday to try to end a simmering dispute over the financial arrangements for Hong Kong's \$14.4 billion new airport, officials said Thursday.

Sir John Coles, deputy undersecretary of state at the Foreign and Commoowealth office, will lead a team of seven British and Hong Kong officials who will meet with members of China's Hong Kong and Macao Affairs office.

The British team will try to allay Chinese concerns about the financing and cost of the vast development project, which includes a high-speed railroad, hundreds of acres of

By David B. Ottaway

dent Frederik W. de Klerk accused

the African National Congress and

its allies Thursday night of creating

an "artificial crisis" in the country

government by force.

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part of a plan to overthrow his

Replying to the ANC's condi-

tions for a resumption of constitu-

tional talks with the government,

the president said he would not

hesitate to take "all steps necessary

to prevent the country from sliding

the ANC is simply fabricating ex-cuses to break off the negotiations

There is every reason to believe

Washington Post Service JOHANNESBURG — Presi-

The project has been a source of friction economy. But relations have since deteriobetween London and Beijing ever since it rated as China, along with many Hong Kong was proposed after China's 1989 crackdown governmeot's varying estimates of the air-port's final cost, which has gone from 98.6 on democracy activists.

Last July, after months of wrangling, the two sides announced a memorandum of understandiog on the project. In exchange for China's support, Britain promised to consult planning to put up only 13.6 billion Hong Kong dollars for the project, the remainder Beijing regularly and agreed to leave 25 million Hong Kong dollars (\$3.2 million) in the colony's treasury in 1997.

In an added coocession, Prime Minister John Major of Britain became the first West-But another source of misunderstanding with Beijing is an additional 5.9 billion Hong ern leader to visit China since the 1989 crackdown, when he traveled to Beijing last Sep-Kong dollars that the Hong Kong govern-ment plans to make available to cover any tember to formally initial the memorandum alongside Prime Minister Li Peng. nossible cost overruns.

and to cause an artificial crisis,"

Mr. de Klerk said in a message

broadcast over the state-run radio.

He charged that the ANC, to-

ether with its main allies the South

African Communist Party and the

Congress of South African Trade

Unions, known as COSATU, had

decided on an agenda aimed at

on the rest of our society through

confrontation and mass mobiliza-

tion." he said, "This will not be

overthrow the government by coer-cion." Mr. de Klerk said, adding:

"Any change of government must

The ANC's ultimate goal is "to

They want to force their views

"seizure of power.

tolerated.

land reclamation, and one of the world's The agreement ushered in a new period of Beijing views this as debt, while Hong longest suspension bridges. The project has been a source of friction that below bave since deterio- fund that probably will not be needed. Hong Kong officials are eager to obtain residents, became alarmed at the Hong Kong

Benjing's approval so they can begin approaching international bankers about securing loans. But Beijing is suspicious of some kind of British financial trick and has billion 1991 Hong Kong dollars to as high as 163.7 billion 1997 Hong Kong dollars. also been using the airport issue to pressure Britain to back away from asking for more Hong Kong officials say the colony is democratic concessions for Hong Kong.

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Noboru Hozumi, a psychia-trist at Minami Otsuka Clinic,

surmised that businessmen or-

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truth to their faces. He noted

or waitresses.

major mistake."

Mr. Major and Mr. Li met again last month at the Earth Summit meeting in Brazil and agreed that British and Chinese officials should hold another high-level meeting to break the impasse.

Mr. Coles flew to Beijing from Hong Kong on Thursday.

Mr. de Klerk and his ministers

did oot provide specific replies to

the ANC's 14 demands for resum-

ing talks. But they handed out doc-

uments explaining in detail the

government's position on each

point as well as a summary of its

various constitutional proposals.

felt the government had already

taken numerous steps to curb the

violence, while ANC leaders had

done much to aggravate the situa-

Constitutional Affairs Minister

Roelf Meyer said the government

was calling "as urgently as possi-

ble" for a meeting between Mr. de

Klerk and the two most important black leaders, Nelson Mandela of the ANC, and Chief Mangosuthu

tion with inflammatory thetoric.

They also made it clear that they

that the Japanese frequently resort to tatemae, the diplomatic words that mask honne. or real feelings.

Around Asia Chinese authorities appear to be easing up on censorship of

films. According to a report in the official Legal Daily, the film bureau chief of the Ministry of Japanese businessmen who Radio, Film and Televisioo said want to now what their assothis month that the bureau ciates really think of them are would reconsider films that had hiring private investigators to previously not received approvfind out, The Associated Press al. The Legal Daily did not exreports from Tokyo. Last year, plain the shift in policy. It could private eyes conducted about be a sign of liberalization in the 2,000 such investigations in Toarts. It also could reflect the kyo alone, said Kosei Tashiro, fact that Chinese moviegoing is director of the 123-member Jadropping fast. Since the crackpan investigators' Association. down on democracy three years Mr. Tashiro said most clients ago, the ministry bas primarily are mid-level officials of banks. endorsed propaganda films, and the oumber of filmgoers brokerages and trading companies. Investigations cost an av-erage of \$800. He said that clients aren't inhas declined. It went down by about 20 percent in 1991 and is expected to decline by 30 perterested in self-improvement. cent more this year, official Instead, they want to know what sort of future they can

press reports say. The Bumhay Samachar, which claims to be Asia's oldest newspaper, observed its 170th birthday this week. The Gujurati-language paper was started in 1822 as a weekly shipping and cargo bulletin. It became a One typical report quoted a daily in the 1930s. Today it uses computerized typesetting and has a circulation of 150,000. The editorial emphasis continues to be on commerce and fi-

Arthur Higbee

KGB Files MOSCOW - Russia said Thursday that it would open the KGB archives for a series of books about Soviet espionage operations in the West:

A deal with an American publisher will include a book on the 1961 Cuban missile crisis, which pushed Moscow and Washington to the brink of nuclear war.

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A Russian Intelligence Service spokesman said two other books would cover KGB operations in Britain and the United States in the 1950s and 1960s.

Yuri Kabaladze said at a news conference that the Russian Intelligence Service, the KGB's successor, was about to sign a deal with Random House to publish a munber of books detailing some of the KGB's foreign operations.

The project's aim is to give a hroader picture of some major world events," he added, "It will be serious research, not James Bond adventures."

Mr. Kabaladze said a book on the 1940 murder of Leon Trotsky, Stalin's rival who was forced into exile abroad, would conclude the series.

Each book will be written by one U.S. and one Russian writer, who will be supplied with files from the KGB archives selected by the Russian Intelligence Service.

"All the files are to be severely filtered," Mr. Kabaladze said-"We will open only those which do not harm Russia's national security interests and have no operative val-

He said the names of KGB foreign agents and technical details

Mr. Kabaladze said Oleg Tsarev, an intelligence officer who works for the press office, would write the first book. He said authors for the other books were being considered. He said Random House would choose the American co-authors.

"But we have the right to veto, any candidate who we might con sider unsuitable," he said. Random House will be granted

the right to publish and sell the English versions everywhere except, in Russia and other members of the Commonwealth of Independent States, and also in Germany and

SADDAM:

(Continued from page 1)

The congress statement said: "The coup attempt is certain to sow discord among the ranks of the Tikritis supporting Saddam. The

President Valentine Strasser of Sierra Leone, 27, speaking Thursday at a news conference in Dakar, Senegal, during OAU meeting.

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other.

(Continued from page 1) chairman of the OAU, General down to make way for a democratic transition to civilian rule this year. General Babangida, a military

Such warnings may sound mild, But they are revolutionary when weighed against the OAU's penchant for avoiding direct criticism of any member state, a policy long defended as "nominterference" in one another's internal affairs.

OAU as a mere "talking shop." torn by such inconsistencies as lambasting burnan rights abuses in white-ruled South Africa while ig-noring the same abuses in black African states. The organization's credibility suffered when it held its annual meeting in countries -Uganda, for example - whose dictators were imprisoning, torturing and killing their people,

zic said.

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Bothelezi of the Zulu-based Inchampioned the cause of freedom from foreign and racist domina-tion," Mr. Chiluba said, "African nations chose to be blind to the many inequalices and injustices existing within our own borders." Salim Ahmed Salim, the OAU

ple provisions" to deal with them

under present security legislation.

tional state of emergency at this

stage," Mr. Kriel said. The hard line taken by Mr. de

Klerk and his ministers seemed to

indicate that each side, the govern-

ment and the ANC, has decided to

dig in its heels and accept the risks

of further confrontation rather

than appear weak in the eyes of the

The only offer the government

made to ease the crisis was a renew-

al of an earlier call for a two-day

summit meeting with the ANC to

discuss its various demands regard-

ing measures to curb the violence.

"No, we're not considering a na-

secretary-general, conceded in an interview with Africa Report mag-azine that the organization had "made mistakes" over the years. "It sbould never have allowed the violation of human rights to be done with impunity," he said. "We had situations of massive killings in some cases, we have had characters who not only vilified our people

and our continent but got away with murder, and we kept quiet." The OAU also has been stymied by its divergent makeup: Arab states in the north and majority

black states to the south. In addition, the Cold War had divided the cootinent between the pro-Western states and the pro-Soviet ones. The only issue all agreed on was South Africa.

"Withoot the South African issue, the discussion turns to the problems between the states themselves, or internally within African states," said a UN diplomat in Dabecome more and more irrelevant." ment of relations."

katha Freedom Party, to discuss ways of easing the violence. The country's main leaders, he said, had to be seen acting together to end the killings before the internadonal community was called upon to intervene. The ANC wants the United Nations to send monitors and a peacekeeping force.

Mr. Meyer also suggested that the three parties establish their own "active full-time monitoring mechanism" to deal with the violence.

China and Hanoi Set Spratly Talks Renters

BEIJING - China sought to calm fears over a territorial dispute with Vietnam saying the two sides were preparing to hold negotiations on the issue.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said conflicting claims over the Spratly Islands, which led to a naval battle between the two sides in 1988, would not be allowed to harm their improving relationship.

The spokesman reiterated Chikar. "Those issues are much more na's claim to sovereignty over the difficult. Once the South Africa is- Sprathys, but said: "The disputes sue recedes, this organization will will not effect the normal develop-

really big change in circumstances. (Continued from page 1) Iowa, whose specialty is election forecasting, has calculated that all five times since World War II when the unemployment rate was falling in the second quarter of the election year, the incumbent's party won the presidency; 1948, 1964,

1972, 1984 and 1988, On the other hand, the unemployment rate was rising, as it was this year, or flat during the April

through June quarter in six elecooo ears, and the incumbent party lost five of those elections, in 1952, 1960, 1968, 1976 and 1980.

Mr. Bush has said publicly and, according to his staff, privately that be did not expect voters to begin focusing intently on the election until the fall. But some of his chief advisers are not sure be is right.

"We could be at a turning point right now," a member of the campaign staff said. "I think people are really beginning to pay attention." Stuart E. Eizenstat, who was President Jimmy Carter's chief domestic policy adviser, said be learned first-hand in 1980 the consequences of a sour economy four or five months before the election.

"Voters lock into the economy oot on Election Day but the summer before." Mr. Eizenstat said. "And unless something really dramatic happens. unless there's a he sees regularly,

their perceptions don't change." Doo Sipple, a Republican political consultant, called Thursday's employment data "very bad news for Bush and the Republicans." "Right now, the American peo-

nance,

BUSH: Dilemma on the Economy

ple are focused on economic is-sues," Mr. Sipple said. "Mr. Bush suggests that the economy is making a comeback, but events in the real world defy that." Mr. Sipple said he was worried that Mr. Bush's plans for the oext

to take a vacation.

oomic conditions began to turn,

At staff meetings, officials said

much as they did last summer, and June was clearly worse than May.

the recovery might be lagging and ports from the business executives

month could send a signal that he is unconcerned. The president leaves oext week for the economic summit meeting in Munich. Then he plans In the first three months of this

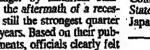
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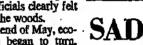
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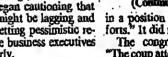
would not be disclosed.

they were out of the woods.





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in a position to continue their efsaid he was getting pessimistic re- forts." It did not elaborate.

coup-maker converted to democracy, warned his fellow presidents that some of them may be in for tough times trying to hold oo to power in the face of pressure for more pluralism. "Africa cannot and should not be immune from the political developments taking place in the world," he said.

The policy led to criticism of the "While our organizatioo has

California **Uses IOUs For Payroll**

Washington Post Service LOS ANGELES — California has started meeting its payroll with state-issued 10Us for the first time since the Depression after the legislature failed to meet a budget deadline.

State Treasurer Kathleen Brown, the Republican governor, Pete Wil-son, and the Democratic-controlled legislature to meet the deadline "a national disgrace."

While the recession bas made culbacks necessary in many states, none faces the problems of California. California has lost 500,000 jobs in the last two years, about 30 percent of the nation's total.

A budget compromise in the state Senate was dashed by the unwillingness of Democrats in the lower house to make cuts in education programs, as Mr. Wilson had insisted.

The California legislature has failed many times in the past to meet its budget deadline but usually bas had enough money on hand to continue paying its bills. Now, with the state running an \$11-bil-tion deficit, it has reluctantly issued registered warrants described as

"promises to pay." The numbered warrants are equivalent to postdated checks, which can be cashed as money becomes available.

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(Continued from page 1) of the mechanized infantry battalion "figured that he had wasted enough time," said General Mac-Kenzie.

Delays had kept the Canadians on the road for three days, as of Thursday morning, on a journey of more than 300 kilometers from Croatia. The trip was expected to take one day. The Canadian battalion, which

the first time that UN forces have had secured guarantees of free pasbeen able to use overwhelming fire-power to intimidate bothersome losage from Bosnian Scrbian offi-cials, was tired and fed up with cal Serbs into going along with a delays be the time it ran into the peacemaking operation. On several occasion in the past no-go order, the general said.

The battalion halted its retreat Thursday morning and returned to the troublesome roadblock. General MacKenzie said that by this time "the local commander was sober." confrontations with the Serbs. Permission to cross the roadblock was again denied, the general said, and sniper fire filled the air around

the coovoy. Colonel Michel Jones, comseriously wounded Bosnians who mander of the Canadian battalion, had been hit by Serbian machine ordered the deployment of sniper guns as they tried to deliver baby food to a sealed-off Sarajevo subteams and of armored vehicles equipped with wire-guided TOW urb. anti-tank missiles, General Mac-Kenzie said.

The Canadian colonel told the Serbs at the roadblock, who were armed only with machine guns and other small weapons, to get out of the road because he was coming through in 30 minutes, the general said. When Colonel Jones saw that the Serbs, rather than backing off, were

calling for reinforcements, be shortened his deadline to five min- that opening the airport was merely utes and rolled forward with ar- "a show."

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RELIEF: Canadian UN Force Bulls Way to Sarajevo mored vehicles, General Macken-"It is oot solving the problem," said Ejup Ganic, a Muslim member The Canadian general said he of Bosnia's seven-member collec-

was pleased with the firm manner tive presidency. he added: "The in which his fellow Canadian officity is still surrounded. 1 cannot cer had muscled 750 troops, 80 artravel out of here. I can only get water and milk from the sky. Do mored vehicles and several score of trucks through the roadblock. No shots were fired by the Canadians, you call that the end of the siege?" Serbian forces cootinue to conthe general said, and oone of them trol about two-thirds of the territowas injured by Serbian fire. The roadblock incident marks ry of Bosnia-Herzegovina, after an

April offensive that razed scores of Muslim-majority towns and villages in the cast of the republic. More than 1.4 million Bosnians, most of them Muslims, have been forced to leave their bomes.

 Serbian Prime Minister three months, as Serbian forces

Milan Panic, an American busihave shelled and attempted to starve Sarajevo, smaller UN con-voys have had to back down from nessman born in Belgrade, said Thursday that he was returning to his native country to become prime minister of what remains of Yugo-Seven weeks ago, Serbian gunslavia - Serbia and Montenegro, Reuters reported from Washingmen in Sarajevo stripped UN soldiers of their firearms. Last month, the UN was forced to abandon two

Mr. Panic said at the National Press Club that his first goal was to stop the fighting in his homeland and work for lasting peace, but he declined to say how he could do that.

With the UN now in a military Mr. Panic, chairman of ICN Pharmaceuticals, a conglomerate based in Costa Mesa, California, position to control the airport, it appears that shortages of food and medicine in Sarajevo will be corsaid he received word that the Treasury had exempted him from U.S. British and American relief flights were ready to join the effort sanctions imposed on Yugoslavia by executive order last month.

The sanctions, economic and po-litical, are intended to pressure the Serbian leadership of President Slobodan Milosevic to cease attacks against Bosnia and Herzego-

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Some of Manhattan's curious as they surveyed the bunkerlike French-made facilities.

WC: Inured to Crime, New York Is Agog Over a Toilet

(Continued from page 1) away. One returned and threatened Mr. Mohammed with a knife, he

COTE D'AZUR French Riviera Eccart Agency till madnight. Dial (htt) + 39 184 348 87 said The pairs of toilets - now placed on 125th Street in Harlem. in City Hall Park and on 34th Street across from Macy's department store - are an experiment to be evaluated at the end of four months. If the experiment works, AMSTERDAM BERNADETTE ESCORT Service Number One, Tel: 631 63 36 or 631 06 43 the city might install as many as 100 in various locations throughout the five boroughs.

Each toilet cost \$60,000 to build,

but it was not taxpayer money, said Pierre Jeanjean, technical director of JCDecaux, the manufacturer. The company is donating them, hoping to make back its money, and theo some, by selling advertising space on the toilets.

JCDecaux installed the first tojlets in Paris in 1980. Asked about vandalism, a company spokesman in Paris said there was none to speak of. "There isn't much to vandalize on the outside," he said, "it's francs to break a mirror inside Europe or anything."

mill, an actor, saw things differently. He did not stop to try out the toilet but volunteered some sugges-

They should have a button inside you can push if someone gets in there with you and tries to hold you up. A light would start blinking on the top and a stren would go off and the cops would know someone in there is in trouble," Mr. Hamill a concrete booth. And why pay 2 said. "This is New York. This isn't the River has risen to dangerous

when you can smash a bus shelter window for free?"

But in New York, Vincent Ha-

levels.

Agence France-Presse

BELIING - Torrential rains and landslides have left 88 people dead and injured 300 in southern China's Guizhou Province, accord-ing to the China Daily, which also reported Thursday that the Yang-

commander of the division which the rebel brigade belongs to is a Tikriti general and Saddam will suspect this general of being among the coup planners." An Iraqi mechanized brigade

usually has around 4,000 men in four combat battalions, with about 150 armored personnel carriers, and often some T-54 or T-62 tanks. It was not clear why a single

brigade, with little heavy armor, would move against Mr. Saddam in his heavily defended capital, which diplomatic and other sources have said is ringed by two Republican Guard divisions, totaling 25,000 men with hundreds of top-line T-72 tanks and helicopter gunships.

There are also large numbers of troops from the Popular Army, the Ba'ath Party militia, as well as the Special Security battalions. These were formed late last year to protect Mr. Saddam, his palaces and key centers against an uprising.

Diplomatic sources said the special force comprises 13 battalions of soldiers drawn from the five or six Republican Guard divisions that survived the Gulf War. The estimated 10,000 troops are staunch loyalists and overwhelmingly from the region of Mr. Saddam's hometown.

The Iraqi National Congress was set up last month during a meeting in Vienna in an attempt to weld the fragmented opposition groups into a cohesive front. But only a few of a concave front, but only a lew or the exiled opposition groups take part in the congress. Major groups, including the two biggest Kurdish factions and the Shitte Muslim Soprome Assembly of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, failed to attend the meeting. (AP, AFP)

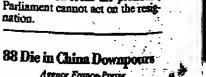
Prime Minister Oaits, Walesa Rejects Move The Associated Press

WARSAW - Prime Minister Waldemar Pawlak resigned Thurs-day after failing to win support from the fractured parliament, but President Lech Waless refused to agree.

Mr. Walesa in effect asked Mr. Pawlak to continue in office. Without a motion from the president, Parliament cannot act on the resignation.



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For the Next South Africa

Abortion: Undue Burdens

National Congress. These events stand in bold relief to the optimism that prevailed in the country only months ago. But it would be wrong to conclude that a full regression into civil disorder or worse is under way. South Africans committed to the peace proto ensure that the slide is reversed.

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It helps to look to that future moment when South Africa's staggering economic problems and the legacy of racial disparities fall to a oew multiracial democratic government. Measured against that prospect, the current political turnoil begins to lose resolution. As dismaying as things are oow, they shrink against the occessary joh of undoing apartheid's deeply embedded injustices and building a truly democratic and equitable order. That is reason enough for leaders on all sides to turn from incendiary rhetoric and seek to resolve the crisis.

That means first that the government must go beyond condemnation of township violence. President Frederik de Klerk must credibly guarantee all South Africans that his

Two Classes of Women

The Supreme Court's 5-4 abortion deci-

sion turned out humane and honorable, yet it still puts American women into two classes:

those who live in the right states or have

money for travel, and can easily exercise the

right to abortions; and those --- the young,

the rural and the poor - who cannot. In

terms of law and politics, the court majority

worked conscientiously to preserve the right to an abortion free of "undue burdens" im-

posed by the state. Even so, law and politics

often do not have much to do with real life.

Listen to what the director of a clinic in

Minnesota says about how the parental noti-

fication law in that state works. "More than

once," she said, "the parents of a teenager

seeking an abortion have taken me aside and

said. We want you to make this hurt as much

as you can, because she's just a little shut and

she's got to learn ber lesson." " So much for

the notion that parental notification laws

bring families closer together. There have

been other times," she continued, "when a

parent says to the child, 'If you don't have

this abortion, you can forget about living at

home." " So much for the notion that notifi-

Listen to the director of another clinic

recalling a girl who, like many youngsters,

feared the loss of her parents' love. She applied for judicial authorization to have an

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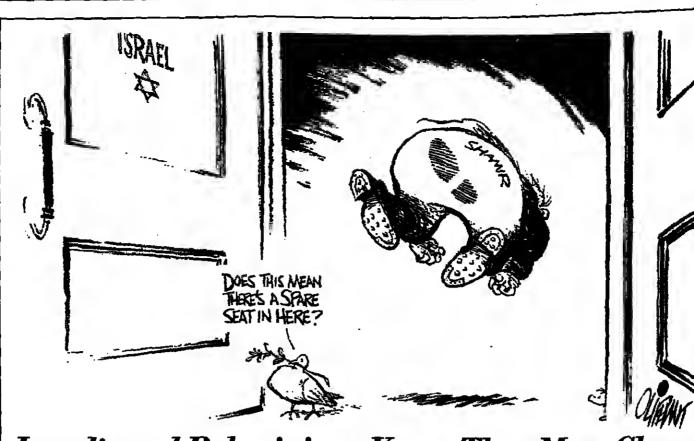
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cation will discourage abortions.

Township political violence rocks South security forces will be brought under control Africa, constitutional talks have collapsed and will no longer serve as accomplices in the and bitter recriminations go on between the continuing murders and revenge killings. white minority government and the African National Congress. These events stand in government and ANC supporters, it may take an international presence or body to help bring about that result.

But ending the persistent black-on-black violence is hardly the responsibility of government forces alone. Blame for the carnage must be shared by all the factions, including Zulu supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party, the police and even grassroots sympathizers of the ANC. They all share responsibility for what happens next. Resuming the transition to democracy also means removing all impediments to a resumption of constitutional talks. Some accommodation to power-sharing during the transition period, once a distasteful prospect to Mr. de Klerk's government, is an alternative that can no longer be avoided. Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali has signaled the United Nations' willingness to play a role as mediator, observer or fact-finder in get-ting the process on track. All sides, if they wish to claim a legitimate place in the next South Africa, should accept his offer.

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Israelis and Palestinians Know They Must Choose

By Flora Lewis

J ERUSALEM - As always, there are two ways of looking at things here. What is new since the elections is that the divide goes smack across the Israeli-Palestinian

line instead of elinging to it. On both sides, there are conflict-ing assessments of Labor's victory over Likud. There was a bigger shift than polls predicted between the two main parties, but it wasn't a "stumning" upset. Added together, Labor and its assured allies woo 61 of the Knesset's 120 seats, just enough to keep Likud out. One widespread thesis among

both Palestinians and Israelis is that it was out a vote for peace but only to change what came to be seen as an incompetent, corrupt, rundown ad-ministration. Yossi Goell, of the conservative Jerusalem Post, said it showed the division of Israeb society on the all important issue of the future is as sharp and deep as ever. Others insist u is a mandate for Yitzhak Rabin to get on with oegotiations as the new prime minister.

A cuphorie Israeli bloode, a pianist who immigrated from the U.S. Midwest, put it ber way at a breathless celebration party: "Now I know I'm really Jewish, I'm already worried by success." A Palestinian professor echoed some

activists regretting "the happy ride with Shamir when we knew exactly where 'things stood.' " Both sides know they oow face a lot of hard questions they've been docking. But that is exactly why this is

such an important watersbed for the Arab-Israeli conflict. The time is coming for real choices, no longer smokescreen maneuvering. Both Mr. Rabin and Palestinian delegates to the "peace process," as ev-erybody oow calls the elaborate network of talks arduously organized by Secretary of State James Baker, told him they want the next round in Rome to be continuous, not just more brief encounters.

Another good sign is that Palestinian delegates are beginning to talk details, difficult ones obviously unacceptable to Israel, such as the right under autonomy to make big cuts in high import taxes on ciga-rettes, say, or automobiles, which would disrupt Israel's control of its own market. Or what the role of Palestinian police and courts would be on crimes involving Jews and Arabs in self-ruled Arab cities.

But these are not abstractions any looger, they are the start of a bargaining position. Caution stems

not only from motual fear but fear of being unable to hold one's own people together and producing as a Palestinian put it, "mini-civil wars oo each side."

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A Labor legislator, Avram Burg. said it another way, speaking of the need "oot to get to peace but to come out on the other side, with a people. That will be a long hard job of changing attitudes."

A real risk remains that other prudence, sceningly clever orgotiating tactics, waiting for openings will again bog negotiations down in the familiar cynical minuet. This is a

crossroads, ool yet an itinerary. But bold ideas are simmering, and the word "courage" is coming to the fore. Attitudes can be changed dramatically, as they were when Anwar

"There isn't any Sadat on the scene, nor even a Gorbachev launching 'new thinking,' " said an Israeli commentator who really hopes there will be that kind of electrifying miracle. Among Labor leaders, some are

seriously thinking of a breakthrough on the regional scale, stressing the larger framework Mr. Baker has established instead of

putting all the weight on bilateral putting all the weight on bilaterat negotiation. Some, looking to at least a tacit end of the Arab boycott, are already thinking of specific eco-nomic deals, perhaps discreet use of the Israeli pipeline to deliver Arab oil to the Mediterranean.

Behind the polemics, there are new calculations based on recognition of the changing world. Pales-tinians talk of the collapse of their Soviet protector. Israelis talk of Scuds and knives" as the oew threats that mock the sense of security by holding territory. Neither missiles nor lone avengers are deterred by border guards.

The new government will be dominated by people who want is-rael to take the initiatives. It is no more impossible than Mr. Sadat's initiative. Mr. Baker, who oudged things this far, should be sensitive to

the audacions and the unlikely. Reminiscing about the state's founder, David Ben-Gurion, Shimon Peres of Labor quoted him as saying well before the existence of Israel, "A leader has to decide to pay the cost of war or take the risk of peace." He did both at different times. But the decision still remains open for both Israelis and Palestinians. Now both know it.

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By Leslie H. Gelb

N EW YORK - Barring surprises, Lee Hamilton will become chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee next year. His career and Committee bert year. It is career and character suggest he could spark far-reaching changes in how U.S. foreign policy is made and in the policy san-sage that cozes from this new grinder. Look for an end to the traditional-

cozy connection between the ly cozy connection between the White House and the chairman of the House panel. Look for summing proposals to reorganize Washington's foreign policy machinery, including perhaps eliminating the enfected Agency for International Develop-ment. Look for a drive to recast priorities, much more economic empinesis and much less military-mindedness. The Indiana Democrat does not

want his approaches confused with isolationism. "I want the United States to be a world leader," he told me. "I don't agree with those who think we should play a reduced role in foreign affairs."

His goals could readily vaporize in the hands of a less determined and knowledgeable politician. But Mr. Hamilton, though gentlemanly and soft-spoken, also seems to have the steel and skill to be a powerhouse.

What, then, could derail a Hamilton era in the House, one that might rival and even exceed William Fulbright's mastery of Senate debate during the Vietnam War? Bill Clinton could choose Mr.

Hamilton as his vice presidential run-ning mate. But joining the ticket would not force the congressman to abandon his safe seat. Indiana law unusually, permits running for both offices. So even if a Clinton-Hamiton ticket loses, Mr. Hamilton almost certainly would be back in Congress. Committee Republicans could fight Hamilton reforms. That is not likely either. Benjamin Gillman of upstate New York will replace the retiring William Broomfield as the ranking Republican, and Mr. Gilman is a gonial and cooperative man with no strong policy agenda. That leaves fei-low Midwesterners Jim Leach and Jeff Bereatter as two key GOP players, and both lean toward Mr. Hamilton's ideas. Only Henry Hyde, a partisan

infighter, promises to be a problem. Mr. Hamilton's strongest opposi-tion could come from the institutional inertia of the committee itself. Congressional committees tend to develop their own styles. The House Armed Services Committee, for example, has been an independent and highly cen-Southern barons Carl Visson and Mendel Rivers. This perfectly suits Les Aspin, chairman of that panel. But the House Foreign Affairs Committee has been a far more de-

centralized operation - dating back decades from the leadership of Doc Morgan and Clement Zablocki to its

been trying hard to spare her parents. But at least she got to court. Some of these kids have no idea how to apply, or they think they'll have to face juries. They're frightened; they feel like criminals; and by the time they get abortions - if they get them at all --they're into the second trimester, which means more money and more risk." Listen to what the director of a North Dakota clinic says about requiring a wom-an to delay an abortion 24 hours after a presentation intended to change her mind. We're the only abortion provider in the

state ..., and our patients are apt to travel bundreds of miles to get here. They've had to take time off from their jobs; they've had to arrange for someone to take care of their families. Often they can't afford even the cheapest motels, or a few unexpected meals. Tve seen women travel 10 hours to get

undue burdens: by passing the Freedom of Choice Act. The bill, approved Tuesday by House and Senate committees, would bar

Presideot George Bush, but that might build momentum for a veto-proof vote later. Still, the bill does oot cover parental notification; enactment would leave young women as second-class. Unless of course the court learns that youth, poverty and isolation can in themselves be "undue burdens."

sions and would also allow states to exclude abortion coverage from Medicaid programs.

here, have the procedure, then immediately travel 10 hours to get back home. They have no choice: they can't afford otherwise." Congress knows how to ease some of the

states from requiring abortion counseling and from imposing 24-hour delays. If it passes, it is bound to be hlocked by

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

By Gary Klintworth

Taiwan's Locomotive Is Pulling the Mainland Along

mainland's resources, cheap labor and market potential. logical base for Taiwanese husiness-

trade was worth \$5.8 billion in 1991, up from \$1.5 billion in 1987. The The southern part of China is a trade balance is heavily in Taiwan's favor, China is Taiwan's fourth-larg-

If the Supreme Court had overturned Roe v. Wade on Monday, the political pressure on Congress to pass the Freedom of Choice Act would have been irresistible. If states had been freed to criminalize abortion or dramatically restrict its availability. it would have been clear to federal legislators favoring abortion rights that they had to prevent such a catastrophe by statute.

In fact, the ruling was not the dire edict that some had feared. The decision reaffirmed a woman's constitutional right to abortion before fetal viability. But it also authorized additional state regulation of that right. This may take some steam out of the movement to enact federal legislation, but it does not make the matter moot.

The Freedom of Choice Act would preserve abortion rights on a oational basis by prohibiting, with a few exceptions, states from adopting regulations that infringe on the right. At the moment, the bill in the House would allow state parental notice laws and would protect medical personnel who oppose abortion on grounds of conscience. The Senate bill has the same proviand political goals. They rightly want to preclude the possibility that the states, using the new "undue burden" test announced by the court on Monday, will chip away at abortion rights and undermine them. They also want to make a record that will be available to the voters by Election Day, so that every member of Congress asking for reelection will be on record as favoring or

So there is bound to be a lot of politicking concerning this tegislation. We bope it will oot obscure the importance of a measure that deserves the sobcrest and most thoughtful consideration.

cap on allowable restrictions are desirable. They would obviate the oced for a state-bystate, case-by-case court hassle testing every regulation and ordinance that abortion opponents can devise. They would mercifully take the abortion issue out of the process of confirming Supreme Court nominees. Legislation with these ends is a very good idea.

day as chief. The California government

failed to adopt a oew budget on time this

week and ran out of money. State cuts under

consideration could take as much as \$250

with the lowest officer-to-citizen ratio among

large U.S. cities? Here, the contrasts between

the Philadelphia police force Chief Williams

405 patrol units around the clock. Los Ange-

les has between 129 and 226 patrol units on

Williams will have to make in order to suc-

ceed. It also seems to represent something of

That is the type of change that Chief

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

the street, depending on the shift.

a blueprint for other cities as well.

How successful can Chief Williams be

million from Los Angeles this fiscal year.

Restyle the L.A. Police phia, when 400 officers were cut on his first

In Los Angeles, the most closely scrutinized police force in the country is undergoing overhaul. Gone is police chief Daryl Gates and with him, we hope, an overly aggressive and incident-oriented patrol style that left the city with America's secondhighest financial settlement rate for police brutality cases. His successor, former Philadelphia police chief Willie Williams, is from the new school of community-oriented patrolling, which is gaining favor.

This type of policing keeps officers where they must be in the front line against crime and violence, but strengthens their role as haison between local government and the communities they serve. In one crime-ridden housing project in Baltimore, for example, the community-oriented style has meant officers worked with city agencies to organize residents, upgrade street lighting and security measures, clean out alleys and build a playground. This patrol style can add to trust between officers and citizens. It requires changes in training and deployment.

In Los Angeles, Mr. Williams confronts a situation not unlike that he faced in Philadel

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as reversed roles to become key force shaping the economic and political future of the mainland.

T AIPEI - Taiwan may well be taking over the Chinese main-

land using what Mao Zedong de-scribed as "sugar-coated bullets."

Once thought to be inevitably part of Mao's new Communist China, Tai-

In the early '70s, many saw Taipei with few options other than to seek accommodation with Beijing. Al-though Taiwan's future is still not absolutely secure, its prospects have never looked better. The mainland, it seems, is coming to terms with the synergy of Taiwan and Hong Kong.

A number of developments have rescued Taiwan from oblivion. Exploiting the increasing commercial and financial strength of the island, Taipei successfully employed a flexible, nonofficial form of trade diploma-

cy to win friends and influence people. Since 1953, Taiwan's economie growth has averaged 9 percent a year. The island has a population of only 20 million, a fraction of China's 1.2 biltion. But Taiwan's GNP is now ooethird the size of the mainland's. In terms of global trade, Taiwan is ranked 14th, while China is 15th.

Reform in China helped ease tension across the Taiwan Strait. With the disappearance of the Soviet threat, China lost much of its strategic importance. The collapse of communism around the world left an opening for Taiwan. Rich, capitalist, oonnuclear and

technologically advanced. Taiwan's credentials as an important economic

mation of Chinese communism centers on several Taiwan-like provinces in southern China, notably Fujian and Guangdong. Despite Beijing's lip service to socialism and its refusal to renounce use of force against Taiwan, the reality is that the mainland is practicing capitalism and building bridges across the strait. Ties between Taiwan and southern China are being driven by market forces that are almost beyond the power of either Beijing or Taipei to control.

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political reforms and the process of

democratization that followed the

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ending of martial law in 1987.

its role a

Nonetheless, the two sides hold regular talks on economic, cultural, legal, environmental, fisheries, customs, academic and trade matters. There are plans for cooperation in advanced technologies in such areas as superconductivity, computers and acrospace. One million Taiwanese visited the mainfand in 1991. Remittances from Taiwanese to relatives on the mainland are worth hundreds of millions of dollars a year. Direct air and

sea links may soon be sanctioned. China is under demographic pressure to modernize. It needs Taiwan's capital, technology, management skills, global marketing know-how and its modernization experience. Taiwan, hit by an appreciating currency in recent years and toss of preferential trade access to the United States in 1988, needs access to the

We Did Know — but We Didn't Care

WASHINGTON - In 1945, a British army major named Detrick Singleton witnessed the liberation of Bergen-Belsen, the Nazi

concentration camp, and wrote afterward that he was unprepared for what he found there. It was a stunment. After all, the Daily Telegraph had reported in 1943 the murder of 700,000 Pohish Jews, and later that nounced the existence of Ausch-

How was it then that someone like Major Singleton could not have his continent 6 million people were being murdered in cold blood? I used to think that had the world been wired for television in the 1930s and '40s, had we all seen the forests

term out of the lexicon of Nazism. They tell of a Muslim boly man who was ordered to practice a Christian rite and who, when he refused, was By Richard Cohen

stabled three times in the neck. After the third stab, he died. We read of the murder of children, the massacre of unarmed men, the shelling of residential areas. We have seen these things on television - so much blood and gore as to make some of us avert Mitterrand actually went to Saraje-vo. It was a brave, almost foolhardy, our eyes. And this is in Europe. Our time, not the past.

But the result has been the same: pathetic, inexcusable inaction on the part of world governments. The French and the Germans, forgetting nothing and, it seems, learning nothing, cannot relax their rivalry to take joint action. The Germans pushed for recognition of Croaria because, among other reasons, the Croats and the Germans have a certain historical and cultural affinity, The French go from the historical to the virtually geological. They harken back to their World War I alliance with Serbia, ignoring that it is now run by a thug named Slobodan Milosevic. Only recently has France recognized him for the killer he is. America was initially inattentive to the disintegration of Yugoslavia and then, in a misreading, prononnced the Balkans a European problem that Europeans should solve. And yet the Balkans is where Europe traditionally goes to pieces. But ever since Franklin Roosealso, we can see that we don't care velt's Lend-Lease, the true capital of Europe has been Washington.

h closer to Taipei than Beijing, and very profitable. According to a survey in March, 85 percent of Taiwanese investors on the mainland made profits within a year at a rate twice what they were making on Taiwan. The island's natural ethnic and linguistic connections to the mainland and the sophisticatioo of its industrial base have prompted many multinationals to form joint ventures with Taiwanese

corporations in China. Taiwanese investment in southern China is accelerating and constitutes about 20 percent of total overseas investment by Taiwan. And Beijing wants more capital and technology from Taiwan. It offers tax incentives and preferential treatment ool offered to other investors. Most of the money has gone into small-scale, labor intensive projects in southern China where the Taiwanese have family connections.

Recently, the trend has been to branch out into other parts of China and invest in medium-technology. capital intensive operations such as petrochemicals, vehicle manufacturing, precision machine tools and computers. Where Taiwanese makers of shoes, textiles, umbrellas, wigs, car engines and computers relocate, suppliers of machinery, components and semi-finished materials must follow.

President George Bush, having re-cently declared the United States

mothballed U.S. power and pres-

tige. He is less culpable than certain

European leaders for what has hap-

pened to Yugoslavia, but this has hardly been his proudest hour. He

did not even seem to know how to

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important is that here was a world

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person - maybe daunted by the

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The Washington Post.

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The mainland is Taiwan's fastest

growing export market. Two-way

Taipei is concerned about becom too dependent on the mainland eco nomically. Beijing is worned that Taiwanese influence will undermine its political anthority. Both fear they will become hostage to manipulation by the other. But both also depend on each other, far more perhaps that they are prepared to admit. When direct links open up, the process of integration between Taiwan and southern China will become irreversible.

This trend has focused attention on the concept of a Chinese Economic Community that combines the technical prowess, capital, natural and human resources, and manage-ment skills of Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao and the southern provinces of Guangdong and Fujian. They comprise the part of a greater China that was historically the most rebellious - and is currently the richest and most Westernized - area of an extended Chinese nation. This zone is one of the most important forces for economic, social and political change in the rest of China.

Economics Minister Vincent Siew of Taiwan recently forecast that eventual creation of a Chinese Economic Community could form "an industrial zone second to none." It already has a combined GNP of \$280 billion and the potential to become one of the world's larger trading blocs. Rather than China drawing its outlying parts into the mainland, Taiwan and Hong Kong are the locomotives pulling Guangdong, Fujian and, ultimately, the rest of China into the mainstream of the Asia-Pacific economy.

The writer, senior research fellow in the Department of International Relations at the Australian National University in Canberra, is writing a book on Taiwan. He contributed this to the International Herald Tribune.

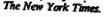
present leader, Dante Fascell, who will retire to December. Uoder their loose reign, subcommittee chairmen

tended to go their separate ways. Mr. Hamilton, however, has the necessary sway among Democrats to gather power in the committee as a whole. Stephen Solarz, who will be the No. 2 Democrat on the panel if re-elected, is unlikely to challenge him. Besides, at least 7 of the top 11 Democrats on the committee will not be back next year.

Nonetheless, Mr. Hamilton cannot ignore the even deeper Morgan-Za-blocki-Fascell tradition of helping out the White House. Since World War II, presidents of both parties often got grief from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, but could count on its House counterpart. The House committee help proved decisive on crunch issues like Victnam. More recently, Mr. Fascell round-ed up crucial Democratic votes for aid to the contras in Nicaragua and President George Bush's decision to use force against Iraq. Mr. Hamilton opposed contra aid and favored giving economic sanctions more time before attacking Saddam Hussein.

Mr. Hamilton is far less likely than his predecessors to salute a desperate call from the White House. He will listen, politely and seriously as always, then make up his own mind. Besides his independence, Mr. Hamilton's greatest strength is also his weakness. He is an educator, a persuader. He believes in exposing the facts and issues, then engaging in reasoned debate. That gift was sufficient for Mr. Fulbright gradually to shift public attitudes toward the Victnam War. But it was not enough to win legislative battles.

To fulfill his promise, Mr. Hamiltoo will have to go beyond teaching - and put his legislative mark on machinery and policy.



IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Rio Grande Rebels VALPARAISO - The rebels in the State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. bave now gained the mastery in every city and town in the state, except Bage. General Hippolito has arrived at Santa Anna, at the head of 1,800 disciplined troops, and an attack is to be made on Bage, which is defended by 4.000 Federal Soldiers. The gunboats Earique Diaz and Camosin, which pursued the Federal warship Marajo after the bombardment of Porto Alegre, are reported to have captured ber and a Federal corvette.

1917: First Housewife

WASHINGTON - Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the President is the first woman to sign this yow advocated by the Food Control Bureau: "I am glad to join in the work of conserving the national food supply. I accept the conditions proposed by the Food Controller, and I will execute them in my house as far as circumstances will British raid on Cologne.

permit." It is hoped that 20 million housewives will sign the same undertaking. Clergy of all denominations have been asked to preach the necessity of food conservation.

tion:] British imperial forces, strong-ly reinforced from the Middle East, have encircled Field Marshal Rommel's Afrika Korps on the Egyptian coast 60 miles west of the Alexandria naval base and are bammering at it with all available weapons from front, flank and rear, it was learned throughout the castern Mediterranean area and that in one assanit on Rommel's Libyan supply port of Bengasi they put on a show of might comparable to the recent 1,000 plane

1942: Axis Hammered CAIRO - From our New York edi-

tonight [July 2]. Simultaneously it was revealed that United States Army Air Force and Royal Air Force planes have been engaged for the last week in a powerful offensive

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have been made bomeless. Journalists describe what the Serbs call "ethnic purification," a

helped shape and the LAPD provide a clue. Civilians now account for less than 11 percent of the police payroll in Philadelphia, but 27 percent in Los Angeles, where less than 50 percent of the sworn officers are ned to patrol duties. Philadelphia has worked to maximize the percentage of officers on patrol; its smaller force maintains

ning, seemingly inexplicable stateyear The New York Times an-

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known that during his time and on

of Poland, the ravine at Babi Yar in Ukraine, an interview with people who had been inside the Warsew Ghetto, then we - the people and governments of the world - would

have done something about it. Yugoslavia proves I was wrong. At the very time and on the very

continent that politicians were

plodding toward regional unity, 20,000 people were being killed in Yugoslavia, Some 2 million people

OPINION

Him . The Break on Perot Will Decide It All

By William Safire

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not primarily about vague themes like "character" or "leadership" or "change," nor ideological differences, not health plans or abortion rights or deficit reduction, nor fears of endless recession.

This campaign is, first, about Americans' assessment of George Bush's presidency — whether they trust his old-shoe experience to keep the nation out of major trouble. Second, it is about Americans'

willingness to risk the alternatives. (Political scientists use the Henny Youngman formulation: "How's your wife?" "Compared to what?")

As the novelty wears off, the summer wears on and more troubling facts emerge, Perotmania will ebb.

This is a personal choice, in which personalities count heavily, but voters' central decision is whether to accept or reject George Bush. Ignore all polls, which at this stage are only misleading. Scorn all other pundits who see this as a close three-way race, utillating each other with visions of an Electoral College dropout into the House; it will not happen. What will happen to the three

campaigns is this: Mr. Bush will not really bottom out until he returns from Europe and the Democratic Convention ends in mid-July. He faces further downward pressure from the coming call for an Iraqgate special prosecutor and from sluggish economic growth, but like Rommel in retreat, be gathers strength for a counterat-tack. The story around Labor Day will be the new signs of life in an underdog president and confidence about his steadiness in debate.

As the novelty wears off; as summer wears on, and as more troubling facts emerge about Ross Per- to catch Mr. Bush and win? We here ot's manipulations, Perotmania will ebb. The outrage groupies from the Patrick Buchanan and Jerry Brown camps will continue to lionize their latest protest vehicle, but his expensive midnight-m-America ad campaign will fizzle,

WASHINGTON - Let me set and the large "I'm-only-looking" down my muckrake for a moonly tentatively committed. Bill Clinton's convention in New

York will be adjudged a success, compared with the 1988 debacke: campaign not mainly about? It is his acceptance speech will also sbine by comparison with his speech then. Blacks will be on board, with or without Jesse Jackson, but women and ethnics and flags will predominate; viewers will not feel threatened, and Democrats will no longer think of their candi-

date as a young stranger. Come the fall, polis, debates and the competition-loving media may preserve the illusion of a three-way race. But let us keep out eye on the central dynamic of the campaign — yes or no to George Bush — which will ultimately force anti-Bush voters to dump the weaker anti-Bush candidate. Added urgency will be given them to switch to the strongest by the Bush comeback to the finally significant polls. By picking up a good portion of the undecidedabout-Bush vote, the president will draw ahead of the second and third candidates, who at first split the undecideds-about-Bush. Conservative women who feel

strongly about abortion rights will also have to decide "most likely to beat Bush" and will choose prochoice Clinton over pro-choice-but Perot; they will far outnumber Democratic or independent women who are anti-abortion enough to switch to Mr. Bush. Toward the end, with Bush lead-

ing, the third man's vote will "break," much as George Wallace's 24 percent in the polls broke to 14 percent on Election Day in 1968; in that case, the majority of Wallace-ite union members went home to the Democrats, enabling Hubert Humphrey almost to catch Richard

Nixon at the finish line. The way the Perot protest support breaks will decide the election. This means that the early peace between Mr. Clinton and Mr. Perot, as both pound Mr. Bush, will turn toto a funious don't-waste-your-vote alter-cation at the end, as Mr. Bush's opponents pound each other. That

is why the Perot vote will ultimately shrink to one-half the Clinton vote. Will this give Mr. Chinton enough on Olympus know the answer, of course, but that would require revealing the stunning, unexpected The New York Times.



The Candidates Push the Journalists Off the Stage

ASHINGTON -- It seems like only yes-terday that the "power of the press" was a perfectly respectable topic for doctoral disser-tations and serious cocktail party conversation. The political scientists, you will recall, had constructed in the late '60s and early '70s a

provocative new theory of electoral politics in America. It was premised on the notion that the political parties were functionally dead. They had been replaced by The Media. The media had no patronage or other spoils of office to dispense. They hawked no original or stirring ideology to discontented masses. But they possessed, it seemed, the awesome capacity to shape the minds of the people and set the national agenda. By defining and casting judg-ment on the "character" of candidates, they

controlled the presidential nominating process, sorting out good people from the bad, Alexander Solzbenitsyn, the exiled Russian novelist, not only accepted that analysis but declared — though the idea appalled him — that the press had become the greatest force in Western civilization. Our presumed power and hostility became one of Richard Nixon's wretched obsessions, a major source of his paranoia, a major factor in his public disgrace, The snuffing out in 1987 of Gary Hart's political career by a Peeping Tom squad from the Miami Herald added to the press mystique. Bill Clinton, earlier this year, seemed condemned by

us to share Mr. Hart's fate. His "character" was event that will take place in the run-up to Halloween, which I am not at liberty to vouchsafe at this time. a premature political death, our role as the Attila of public life would have been affirmed again.

By Richard Harwood But Mr. Clinton survived, easily won the race

for the Democratic nomination and procked the popular image of the press as kingmaker. He wore his media scars as a badge of honor and, quite possibly, influenced the media strategy of the maverick candidate, Ross Perot.

Rather than grovel or show deference to the ress, the Perol camp has assumed from the beginning a confrontational posture: You need us; we don't need you. It hired as its public relations chief Jim Squires, a combative exnewspaperman whose contempt for his erstwhile colleagues to journalism is unconcealed, As for the candidate, Mr. Perot, he chose to arrange his own nomination without prior re-

connaissance or consultation with either the political establishment or such pillars of the media establishment as The Washington Post, The New York Times and the networks.

This strategy has served him nicely. It also has inspired introspection, a loss of self-importance and, to some extent, a loss of self-esteem among the practitioners of political journalism. An article in Washington Monthly discusses the phenomenon: "How Phil Donahue Came to Manage the '92 Campaign." The author, Jona-than Alter, media critic at Newsweek magazine, explains: "The networks and other mainstream news organizations, which at one time dominated the election process, don't do so anymore. Talk shows ... are increasingly warping traditional campaign coverage. Ross Perot circum-vented the print press and the networks and

announced his candidacy on 'Larry King Live', he may decide to forgo the campaign plane altogether and run his campaign hy satellite linkup. ... Bill Clinton helped reverse his momentum ... hy poking fun at himself in a short appearance on Don Imus's irreverent morning radio show. ... The whole structure of the media ... is coming unglued. ... We are witnessing the dawning of a new media order."

The columnist Michael Kinsley goes so far as to imply that journalists themselves are show-ing signs of obsolescence. Candidate call-in shows, in his view, demonstrate the capacity of ordinary citizens to ask comparable or better questions of would-be presidents than the professional inquisitors of the press.

Journalists have gotten into the bad habit of thrusting themselves too far forward on the political stage, blocking the view of the people, drowning out the lines of the principal actors. The eight-second film clip of the candidate's speech on the evening news is too often eclipsed by the 60 or 160 seconds of analysis. That is why candidates are abandoning the old way of doing things - the press release, the hurried airport news conference - in favor of an hour or two on television and radio talk shows where a genuine dialogue takes the place of the sound bite.

The "new media order" could be good for us all if it brings into the loop of politics some of the millions of outsiders who are now nonparticipants and if it gets journalists off the stage and back ioto the audience where they belong.

The writer is a former ombudsman of The Wash-

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By Colman McCarthy

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"Sophisticated folks" to Holly-

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WASHINGTON - Give this strength that will carry us into the much to Ross Perol. He is next American century," he buzzed adding a touch of verbal sprightli- last year. America is a sheened covness to this year's political dis-course. His buzzword quotient is esty, grandeur and goodness not low. He will use one in a tight spot. found in any of the planet's other but his dependency is not severe. 160-odd nation-states. Unlike a plautude or bromide, a huzzword has just enough ambigu- their way into political speeches as

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meaning that only they understand, and which the rest of the infidel world scorns as baloney. When Mr. Peroi wanted to counterattack following charges that he was a secretive paranoid, he could have huzzed with any number of old reliables: damnable lies, smear actics, cheap shots. Instead, he displayed some origi-

nality. The charges, he said, were "Mickey Mouse tossed salad" and "animal crackers." These were sound hites with bite.

Mr. Perot is not always the coin-er of fresh lingo. He labeled the charges "Republican dirty tricks," the lamest of buzzword phrases, on crutches since Watergate.

It conjures the image of a How-ard Hunt or a Chuck Colson rein-carnated to the form of young rabid were 'Mickey Mouse tossed salad' and right-wingers toiling in the White 'animal crackers,' House basement to sabotage goodguy Perot. In fact, the dirty tricks were clean tricks, known as "oppo-sition research." Some juniors at the Republican National Committo invite the assembled bowlers to

the bowling alley dearest to his populist heart; the eight lanes at tee who had proven their skills at envelope stuffing were elevated to the private Congressional Country Cluh where the vice president frolrummaging through old newspaper icked contentedly to his House and articles on Mr. Perot and Mr. Chin-Senate days. The "Members Only" ton to find damning quotes. Mr. Bush responded to the stosign at Congressional's front gate

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That is one of the problems with something. He believed that every buzzwords. They tend to date. For now, "Mickey Mouse tossed salad" For Mr. Bush, everyone and everything can be Americanized, even the future. We will get on our is garden fresh. If Mr. Perot keeps coming on with those, he has a lock way to a new record of expansion on the lively language set.

The Washington Post

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Welsh Back Roads: Come Hear a Choir Rehearsals Are Open to Visitors

By John Rockwell New York Times Service

UMBLE, England — Even if one has driven often in Britain, getting behind the wheel of a tiny stick-shift car again, with all the gears and levers and directions backward, can still seein a shock. Add to that nighttime and street signs in an unfamiliar language, and you have a recipe for confusion.

That explains why I was late for my visit to a Thursday evening rehearsal of Cor Mei-bion Mynydd Mawr, one of Wales's recowned male choirs. I had set out boldly from Cardiff toward the tiny town of Tumble (it's called by its English name, but also known in Welsh as Y-Tymble), 60 miles (100 kilometers) northwest of the Welsh capital. The first 40 miles on the M4 motorway were easy enough, but the motorway ends at Pont Abraham, I had with me a complex series of instructions through a series of unpro-nounceable little towns, all in the dark with precious few signs or street lamps. f overshot precious few signs or street lamps. I overshot the mark, getting off the A48 at Llandarog and doubling back along a road too small to have a oumber on my map, through Drefach and Cwm Mawr to Tumble. It would no doubt have been quite scenic had f been able to see a blessed thing. Tumble itself looked utterly abandoned, with no one on the side-urable form when to have to discribe Na

walks from whom to beg directions. However, everyone has a latent detective

instinct. I was in search of a chorus rehearsal. Chorus singers come in cars. I drove about until I found a goodly number of cars parked along an otherwise empty road. I got out, cocked an ear and heard distant manly sounds. I walked behind a dark and empty cburch, found a door with light peeping out through the cracks --- the manly sounds were getting manlier by the minute - opened the door and was confronted with a very welcom-

ing sight indeed. About 55 men sat in folding hairs in the Bethesda Chapel Vestry, the village's Congregational Church meeting hall. The older men, who were in the majority, were

dressed mostly in tweed coats, long-sleeved shirts, ties and sweaters, with the younger members trading the coats for zip-up jackets and dispensing with the ties and, usually, the sweaters.

They faced their conductor, Rhyddid Williams, and, accompanied at the piano by the sole woman in the room, forged their way through short snippets that ranged from Welsh bymns to a Schubert song ("Lorelei") in choral arrangement to operatic excerpts (the Anvil Chorus from Verdi's "Trovator sung in Welsh) to a Maori tune in the original.

Visitors seem reasonably rare here, but are not unprecedented. The reputation of Weish male choral singing has spread far beyood Wales. The 70-odd active male choirs in southwestern Wales, the center of Welsh choral activity of this type, generally rebearse twice weekly in community or church meeting halls just like Tumble's.

learn new repertory using the old Welsh tonic sol-fa system of notation. This is a simplified way of writing music, without staffs, in which geometric shapes stand for different pitches. "Eighty percent of our singers use the sol-fa system," Williams said. Rehearsals are conducted with a formal politeness that matches the attire, and are almost exclusively in Welsh: "Every member is a Welsb speaker but for one Englishman, and be's learning," Williams reported. There wasn't much in the way of musical admonitions from Williams; the singers were polishing up repertory for an approaching concert, and most of these chestnuts they had sung innumerable times before, anyhow.

OR Meibion Mynydd Mawr translates as the Great Mountain Male Choir, and at full tilt they

made a stirring sound. The voices reverberated through the hall, but the singers did tend to be on the oldish side and their sound was a bit imbalanced: fervent, sonorous baritones and basses but tenors thin and unblended and just a little quavery. For although 55 singers make a bracing sight and sound, conventional wisdom has it that the radition of Welsh male choral singing is threatened on several froots.

"We lost six or eight in the last year," Williams reported later in his living room back in Drefach, on the other side of the Gwendraeth Valley, Nearly all the singers bve in the valley, within 10 to 15 miles of Tumble. "They passed away. There's been a lot of illness — heart complaints and such." The choir was founded in 1965, and after a peak membership of more than 100 in the mid-'70s, it slumped to 45 in the mid-'80s and has now grown again to a membership list of about 65. "We've got lots of oew members in the last six months," Williams said proudly. The choir has won several prizes at the Royal National Eisteddfods. made recordings and toured to Cardiff. London and Europe.

Still, while Williams's choir has one 19year-old and one 20-year-old, it has been difficult for many of the eboirs to attract younger members. Rugby stadiums can crupt in choral singing, but not like the pootaneous four-part harmonizing from 0,000 or 15,000 throats that Williams, who is 65 and who stands in the middle of five generations of Welsb choral singers and cooductors, remembers from his youth

Tenors are especially bard to come by, and the best are in such demand that they belong to three or four different groups, "Every-body is bungry for tenors," said Williams. The Royal National Eisteddfods used to limit entry to choirs with more than 200 members, but 100 is a big number oow, and the rules have been relaxed.

Despite the deserved Welsh reputation for musicality, the male choral tradition dates back only 100 years, and the Welsh-language repertory is largely a product of this century's revived interest in native Welsh culture. Male choral singing here is inextricably linked with the coal and steel industries of Wales, which arose with 19th-century industrial capitalism and which are now dying out, victims of foreign competition, alternative energy sources and exhausted seams. "The choral tradition started with the miners north of Cardiff," said Williams, whose first name, Rhyddid, means freedom. "They worked close together and depended on one another. The communities were close-knit, isolated in their valleys. People from Rhondda would only go to Cardiff on a special trip." ft isn't just the loss of the region's economie base that has threatened the male choral tradition. "The younger people have so many other things now that interest them," Williams lamented. In Madrid, the Parade Will Be Baroque

By Al Goodman

ADRID --- Only 227 years after the government banned it, a Baroque festival returns to Madrid in July for a one-week stand, offering a nightly parade and a stage show of comedy and morality. The \$3.8 million extravaganza, with 250

performers, may yet prove that Madrid too can play it big in Spain's climactic year of 1992. So far, Seville's enormous Expo honoring Columbus and Barcelona's impending ympics have upstaged the capital. The Baroque production, underwritten by

the national telephone company, is the largest event of Madrid's year as the European Community's designated cultural capital. The festival's centerpiece is a morality

The program will start at 8 P. M. with a procession from the unfinished Almudena cathedral next to the Royal Palace. Oxen will pull three large carts, representing good, evil and the world. Actors will draw another cart topped by a wild-eyed 5-meter-tall (16-foot) carnival dragon, while mules will haul comics amid the dancers and musicians.

The 90-minute parade will turn up the Calle Mayor and continue to the Plaza Mayor, where a stage and seating in tiers for 1,800 have been erected. (Theater tickets for 1,500 pesetas, about \$15, are available at Caja de Cataluna savings bank offices and Plaza Mayor box offices).

The stage show is in classical Spanish, beginning with a 15-minute prologue to help the public understand what is to follow Next comes a 15-minute humorous short lasting about 75 minutes. The 17th-century playwright Pedro Calde-roo de la Barca's "El gran mercado del mundo" (Great Marketplace of the World) has been chosen. Calderón described the auto sacramental as a religious sermon put to verse in a form that could be staged.



The Corpus Christi festival gained increasing splendor in Spain during the Mid-, dle Ages, Narros explains. But as actors and comics began to displace clergy participating in the fest ivities, there were excesses.

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"It seems that there was a mixing of elements of magic, and too much showiness and props," said Diez. "The church didn't think . it was still part of the religious devotion and ! political powers also did oot have much mterest m it."

NE challenge in mounting the festival has been to give the actors a sense of the recitative style that. cado" debuted, probably between 1635 and 1645. At that time, the Baroque festival would start after the morning Mass and continue throughout the day. The principal dramatic and comic performances were scal-



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Welsh voices raised in song: left, the Cor Meibion Mynydd Mawr rehearsing in Tumble; right, the Pendyrus Male Choir in Tylorstown.

HE Welsh Tourist Board, eager to lure visitors to this ruggedly handsome but chronically depressed region, will provide potential tourists with rehearsal schedules as well as contact telephooe numbers. The choruses can also be heard regularly in local coocerts, in Cardiff, in Londoo and in regional or Welsb national cisteddfods, or competitive choral festivals. The male choirs' repertory reflects popular taste, oot the more elevated concerns of Western art music; that is left more to mixed groups that can address choral staples like the Handel oratorios and the Brahms and Verdi Requiems. The male choirs stick with popular favorites, and the bulk of the singers. rehearse and perform from memory and

though these plays have been performed this century, experts say the festival marks the first time since the ban of 1765 that the morality play will be shown in its full eootext, accompanied by several comic short plays and a grandiose street procession.

The whole affair used to coincide with the Roman Catholic spring observance of Corpus Christi, but was deemed excessively populist by authorities.

"What hasn't been done [since the ban] is the complete formula," said Miguel Narros, director of the production. It will begin Monday and run until July 13, with the exception of Wednesday, when the Olympic torch is literally run through central Madrid en route to Barcelona.

He wrote at least 80 of these morality plays, typically on commission for the church. His best-known work in the genre, "Great Theater of the World," is performed regularly in Germany and Austria.

"El gran mercado" is less theological than some of Calderóo's morality plays but is relevant for the modern stage because it addresses "the problem that everything is

Alejandro Charep

Costumed for the Baroque.

bought and sold, that the world is a marketplace," explains a University of Madrid literature professor, José Maria Diez Borque.

The plot involves two handsome men, one of good disposition and the other of bad temper, courting a lovely woman of grace. Diez's 1984 book on Baroque spiritual festivals in Spain helped lay the groundwork for the staging of the production this summer.

tered around town, as the processioo. stopped in front of churches and civic build-. ings. By contrast, the revived festival will be

held only during the evening and all the performances will be on a single stage. After the auto sacramental, the show concludes with a 20-minute bumorous epilogue. Narros does not expect the festival to

become an annual event.

"I think this is perhaps a display of prestige," be explained. "I don't know what is going to happen in 1993 because in 1992 a lot of money has been spent."

Al Goodman reports from Spain for National Public Radio.

Visiting Florence? Watch Out for Art Skirmishes and Angry Mothers

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By Ken Shulman

LORENCE - Since 1981, Michelangelo Pistoletto's marble statue "Dietrofronte" (About Face) has stood in the middle of the busy traffic circle at the Porta Romana city gate. A large female figure with an incom lete figure balanced precariously on her bead, the statue bas never been popular with the inhabitants of Porta Romana, who, like most Florentines, at best tolerate contemporary art.

And it may only be a coincidence that about a month ago a car skidded into the statue, causing enough damage that the work had to be removed for substantial reconstruction by its maker. Recently, amid protests from the citizens committee for aesthet-

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ies suggesting that Pistoletto take his creation back home, the contested statue has returned to the traffic circle.

"Dietrofroote" was intended as a metapbor for the perspective through which Florence views the world, and bow in turn it is viewed. Judging from the tennis-shoe speckled streets and the caravans of buses parked just outside the city, Florence's pull as a universal tourist magnet is still strong. From inside the city's medieval walls, the Florentine mentality appears little changed since the time of the Guelfs and Ghibellines. The stakes may be smaller, but Florentines have yet to lose their penchant for protest, plots and civil war.

Take the Boboli Gardens. In 1990, 30 years after the city of Florence zoned the gardens behind the Palazzo Pitti as public

green space, the Italian Ministry of Culture declared that the former private gardens of Cosimo 1 and his wife Eleonora of Toledo were actually an open-air museum, and ordered that visitors pay an admission fee.

Two years after the ministry decree - and after repeated reminders from various state organs --- the architectural superintendent, Domenico Valentino, announced that as of June 2, Florence's best (and only) breath of fresh air would cost 5,000 lire (54). Yes, he had discussed the possibility of a 10,000 lire annual membership fee for Florentines. And yes, the Rome authorices had agreed. Unfortunately, the paperwork wasn't ready.

All was caim on the morning of the fateful day. A few tourists bought tickets to the gardens. But in the afternoon a group of oearly 3,000 irate mothers, many with the children they usually brought to Boboli on every moderately temperate afternoon, pressed up against the Palazzo Pitti gate and demanded admittance. The situation grew tense, and the mothers increasingly insistent. Finally, Florence's mayor, Giorgio Morales, arrived and suggested that the mothers be let in "as a gesture of goodwill."

Although Valentino classified the incident as one of "incredible vulgarity," the mothers were back on the barricades the next day, and the next. By June 6, the ticket-sellers and custodians were told to close up shop the minute the menacing "Mamme di Boboli" appeared.

In the meantime, Valentino tried to placate the protesters by offering a blocked-off area of the Prato delle Colione (Lawn Of Columns) near Porta Romana. On June 9.

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Florentine residents entered free at the Porta Romana entrance. But the Boboli mothers soon found the blocked-off area too tight, so they overturned the wooden barrier and took possession of the entire premises.

At the same time, the "committee for the restitution of Piazza Signoria" was arguing about the color of its true love's heart. Or nally paved in red terra-cotta brick in 1386. the piazza was redone in grey pietra serena in 1795, by order of the Hapsburg Grand Duke Ferdinando III.

In the 1980s, about 20 years after the piazza was damaged by the 1966 flood, the pietra serena pavement underwent a thorough restoration. Officials promised that the new surface would be a reassembly of the existing stones, which were to be numbered, removed, revived and put back into place.

They weren't, and two years ago. Florence woke up with a smooth, flat, spanking-new grey patio, level enough to shoot pool on. No one seemed to know how this had happened, nor how a good number of the original. paving stones ended up as souvenirs in private villas and gardens.

> HE committee continues to proclaim that "the heart of Florence is

red, not grey." Last week, a survey conducted by the Florentine daily La Nazione showed that four out of seven citizens preferred Renaissance red to Gran-ducato grey. And while those responsible for the plazza's new face can smile amid the protests and surveys, they have a tougher time laughing about a February court ruling in Rome that found several of them guilty of damaging the oational archaeological and artistic patrimony," a crime that carries a two-month suspended prison term. Antonio Paolucci, Florence's fine arts su-

perintendent, says that a return to terra-cotta is both impractical and unthinkable. But as a concession, a group of stonecuters has been assigned to chisel a bit of age into the overly smooth piazza surface, in essence to make it look like it did before the restoration began.

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IBAR THIS

Now here's a lady who would make a great first-grade teacher. Texas District Judge Joe Kegans had become increasingly upset by lawyers' beepers going off in court, the Associated Press tells us. The other day, she got mad as hell and wouldn't take it anymore when a becper went off and none of the 21 lawyers in the court would own up to it. So she made each of them recite his name and then, "It wasn't my beeper, and I don't know whose it was." Then she retired to her chambers for three bours and left them all waiting. What does this say about lawyers? Nothing we didn't already know.

Hippolyte (Thierry Lhermitte) and Camille (Caroline Cellier) are happily married lovers, or as happy as married lovers can be, living in the French provinces a Jean Poiret with two pubescent children. Wary of mid-life stagnation, determined to revive that old black magic, Hippolyte tries a battery of crotic recipes and po-UStions, plans orgies that sink like over-done souffles, sends Camille anonymous assignation ootes, and becomes her phantom lover. Jean Poiret, who wrote and acted in "La Cage aux Folles," wrote and directed this script from Alexandre Jardin's best-seller: It starts as burlesque comedy and veers off that path to something surprising, a sort of "Ghost" in reverse gear. Poiret's first film as a director bears his personal touch to the finish; he died shortly

after. His wife, Caroline Cellier,

makes a wonderfully puzzled

Camille, compliant and exas-

Directed by Jean Poiret.

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mitte plays the hectie husband with blue-eyed melancholy --his handsome face has become sharper, his speedy delivery more crazed - he is on his way to becoming a Danny Kaye, or (Joan Dupont, IHT) Unlawful Entry Directed by Jonathan Kaplan. After Michael and Karen Carr (Kurt Russell and Madeleine Stowe) are frightened in their home by a menacing burglar, they are grateful to the police officer who comes to their rescue. Too grateful. Pete Davis (Ray Liotta) is warmly accepted by both Michael, who is im-pressed with his skill and dar-Blast 'em

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ing, and Karen, who is impressed for more basic reasons. Michael and Karen can be described as comfortable, eco-nomically and otherwise. But Pete appears deeply uneasy. Merely being in the presence of this successful entrepreneur

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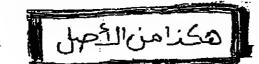
him fidget, but he is disarmed by their eagerness. The evening culminates in Pete's accidentally catching Michael's burglar and offering Michael the op-portunity to beat the mao senseless, which Michael refuses. "I already know what I would do," Pete snaps to Michael. "I just wondered about a civilized guy like you." The film culminates in a showdown proving that the veneer of civilization is paper-thin. Kaplan's intelligence and economy are gratifyingly apparent but his approach remains level-headed and decent long after the material has gone berserk. (Janet Maslin, NYT)

and his glamorous wife makes

Directed by Joseph Blasioli. U.S. The term paparazzo, meaning a freelance photographer who specializes in candid photographs of celebrities, was ap-parently coined by Federico Fellini, who gave that name to

such a photographer in "La Dolce Vita." Whatever its origin, paparazzo and its plural, paparazzi, are now as much a part of the American language as the indefatigable practitioners of the trade are of our daily lives. "Blast 'em," a featurelength documentary, not only examines the phenomenon but also becomes an extension of it. It's not a pretty picture, though oot simply because it tells more about the trade than most of us ever wanted to know. By the end, "Blast 'Em" has somehow managed to turn the tables on the audience. The film isn't sending up just the photogra-phers and their desperate selfinterest. It's also ridiculing those of us who have never been able to thumb through any picture magazine in less than four minutes. Although "Blast 'em" is sometimes vicious and funny, it finally becomes a very depressing portrait of our civilizanon. As Peggy Lee puts it, "Is that all there is?"

(Vincent Canby, NYT)



Caroline Cellier and Thierry Lhermitte, the happily married lovers in "Le Zèbre."

Shopping: Home Ready-to-Wear

By Patricia McColl

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ARIS - The mixes are serendipitous: a Rifat Ozbek jacket hanging next to a piece of modern art furniture; a row of Fornasseti-decorated plates lined up in a row of Katherine Hamnett dresses; linen sheets and pillowcases nestled next to a showcase for shoes.

It's all part of a trend as boutiques that previously showed only ready-10-wear branch out into objects for the home, and it's happening in Paris, Milan and London, where Joseph Ettedgui is considered the trend's pioneer.

"I was sitting on an Andree Putman designed chair watching the Azzedine Alaïa fashion show, and somehow my mind made a connection between the design of the chair and the way the clothes looked, "he said. The result was Joseph Pour la Maison oo Sloane Street, which opened in 1985, the high-tech glass and steel design of the shop reflected in the choice of objects and small pieces of furniture on sale. The clothes? Alexa and furniture on sale. The clothes? Alaïa and Ettedgui's own label knits.

"It was my dream," said Ettedgui. "The store that would blend furniture, clothes, food --- there's a restaurant on the lower level - but it turned out to be my trial instead." Today, Pour la Maison as such oo longer exists. The restaurant remains one of the trendicst in London, and the shop sells only clothes.

But Ettedgui has found another solution. Four times a year, in his flagship Brompton Cross boutique, he sponsors exhibitions by avant-garde furniture designers. A recent one featured the furniture of Mark Brazier-Jones, weirdly elegant mixes of metals and fabric poised like giant insects throughout the shop. Floating above and around the furniture was Rifat Ozbek's best-selling bone-trimmed jacket, a bot fashion item that cost almost twice as much as a small Brazier-Jones table.

"It works better visually than commercially," Ettedgui said. "But il does help to sell clothes. In Ioday's retail climate, I think you

have to surprise your customer." In Milan, Carla Sossani set out to create what she calls a souk in her shop at 10 Corso Como. The huge space, originally a Renault garage, overflows with pottery from Morocco. 1940s Fiesta ware from the United States, books, antique and contemporary jewelry, plus menswear by Paul Smith and women's ready-to-wear from Prada, Vivienne Westwood and the shop's own "No Name" label.

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Upstairs, there's a small art gallery where one of the recent exhibitions was on African tribal art.

"I worked so many years as a fashion magazine editor that when I started this shop, I thought of it as pages in a magazine. You turn the page and there is something else," said Sossani. "The difference is that now I have to worry about how much things cost." When the bontique opened last Septem-

ber, she had planned a mix of 50 percent clothes and 50 percent objects, but because of the nature of the boutique, the balance-

can shift from week to week. "More and more men and women are interested in not just clothes, especially as clothes are so expensive now. Values are changing and you can feel it here when a customer hesitates between a new shirt and a set of handpainted drinking glasses, and buys the glass-

In Paris, the Ventilo brothers got into the business of selling things for the home by accident. When they opened their boutique on Rue du Louvre in the 1st arrondissement four years ago, they found the hoge central staircase that connects the store's three levels intimidating, so they draped the railings with kilim rugs to add a little warmth. Customers wanted the rugs and the painted armoires used to display clothes.

Cushions and the period American patch-work quilts, again intended as display props, were also snatched up by customers. Gradually, the menswear area on the top floor next to the tearoom was invaded by objects and about e year ago, became a boutique for the home. The Ventilo mix includes colorful pottery from Alsace, galvanized metal objects and rush-seated child-sized chairs from Greece, American quilts and oversized pillows, and comforters in cheerful blue and white checks.

Jacques Ventilo describes the shop's look "half Shaker; half Swedish Gustavian. It's a lifestyle concept but on a small scale; certainly oot on the scale of a Ralph Lauren where his name is on everything and, as well, licensed over a whole range of products. For the moment, we want to stay small and artisanal."

Not too small, though, as Ventilo's home boutique will double in size by September. Just a few doors down, another Ventilo venture, Au Vieux Continent, successfully mixes the best in basic jeans with e huge selection of china imported from the United States, most of it bearing the crests of wellknown American universities and restaurants.

In the Marais, on the Rue des Rosiers (4th arrondissement), in a derelict building that had once been a soup kitchen, Armand Hadida found just the space he was looking for to "sell something other than clothes."

Hadida opened his first L'Eclaireur boutique in e tiny space et 44 Avenue des in Paris.

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Champs-Elysees, 8th arrondissement, selling only Marithé and François Girbaud's avantgarde sportswear collectioo. That was in 1979. Two L'Eclaireur boutiques have been added in the Champs-Elysées area, still selling Girbaud but expanding to include other avant-garde names such as the Belgian designer Ann Demeulemeester, Franco Moschino and Dolce y Gabbana.

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"But I wanted to sell interior design, too," Hadida said. On his buying trips to Milan, he discovered the tiny Fornasseti boutique on Via Brera and decided he wanted to launch it in Paris. The Fornasseti were not interested but Hadida insisted and opened his fourth L'Eclaireur with a Fornasseti exhibition in 1990.

HERE are the familiar trompe l'ocil black and white plates plus the painted furniture, some of it oce of a kind. A tiny painted chair costs 10,000 francs (about \$1,800). The

plates turn up all over the boutique, topping that display of dresses by Katharine Ham-nett or in glass fronted cases sharing shelves with jewelry pieces created by Urbain Checcaroni

The shop also has the biggest selection of clothes from the ultimate anti-fashion fashioo designer, Martin Margiela.

Like Ettedgui, Hadida uses the boutique as e gallery, sponsoring exhibitions two or three times a year. The current one is on glass furniture.

While most of the shops described don't put their own label on the objects they sell. everything in Ines de la Fressange's Avenue Montaigne boutique in the 8th arrondisse-ment has her came oo it. "I wanted everything in the shop to be my favorite things, whether it's the pure linen bedsheets and pillowcases or a blazer or e pair of shoes."

When the shop opened in October, there was some glassware and those linen sheets. As of June, there are hand-painted plates, a pretty desk lamp, frames, mirrors, Limoges boxes, everything designed by de la Fressange. The designs on the plates are copied from abstract watercolors she has dooe.

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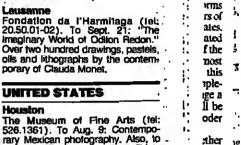
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WALL STREET WATCH The Deal is Equitable, Certainly, but Is It Fair?

By Peter Kerr New York Times Service

- EW YORK — Equitable Life Assurance Society, the fourth-largest mutual life insurer in the United States, is approaching a crucial moment in its 133-year history: For the first time, it is about to ask investors to buy stock in one of the most august names and one of the most troublesome real estate portfolios in the life-insurance industry. In the largest conversion ever of a mutual insurer -- a company owned by its policyholders -- into a company owned by stockholders, Equitable hopes to raise more than \$500 million, one of the larger mitial public offerings this year. The company hopes to sell the atock at between \$11 and \$14 a share.

Groupe AXA SA, France's third-largest insurance com-

pany, the offering must raise at least \$300 millioo - about S6 a share - or the deal must be restructured. Last year, AXA invested \$1 billion in exchange for a controlling interest that will probably equal 49 percent of the shares issued in the offering.

But Equitable faces a tough sell as it meets with small groups of institutional investors this week and next, for it is still burdened by the junk bonds and commercial real estate it bought in the 1980s. How the deal goes will have major implications, not just for a company that manages \$146 billion in assets for more than 2 million customers, but for an industry that has been buffeted by bad news and sagging consumer confidence for more than 18 months

"This deal serves as a litmus test for the degree to which concerns about credit quality have eased," said Orin Kramer, an insurance industry consultant. "Over the past 18 months, a number of financial institutions, mostly banks, that were perceived to be near the brink now have a lot of new capital. If this deal succeeds, it means we are seeing the same thing for insurance."

insurers that are searching for new capital. If the so-called demutualization fails, or goes poorly, it could once again raise questions about the stability of the life-insurance industry and encourage critics in Congress who are calling for federal regulation of insurance.

percent, of the life insurer's portfolio represented "risky assets." Those holdings include the real estate that the company tharacterizes as "problem, restructured, potential problem and restructured commercial mortgages," as well as foreclosed equity real estate. Those are weighty risks, Mr. Grant argues, for a company whose proposed capitalization would be \$2.5 billion.

The company is prevented by Securities and Exchange Commis-

Their income from managing assets grew to \$375.2 million in 1991: from \$123 million in 1985. Equitable, which holds a 55

2 Fronts Tax Cut Rejected And Bonn Hints **Of Debt Grace** Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MOSCOW - Russia's economic

Under conditions of an agreement with Equitable's backer,

In light of its bad real estate portfolio, the insurer's initial public offering looks dodgy to some.

makers blamed for the spiral of inflation. "Lowering taxes would lower state expenditure on the army and state investment and cut subsidies to agriculture completely," Mr. Gaidar told parliament. "All talks with creditor countries would be stopped mmediately and Russia would lose

access to hard currency." Finance Ministry, Horst Köhler, said the Group of Seven industrial nations might give Russia a breathing space on servicing its foreign debt, subject to certain conditions. Meanwhile, Russia's ceotral

If the plan succeeds, it could blaze a path for other mutual

N A SCATHING review of the Equitable offering, James Grant, author of a respected Wall Street newsletter, Grant's Interest Rate Observer, noted that \$8.5 billion, or about 11

sion regulations from discussing the deal. But in its prospectus, Equitable points to several strengths, including its investment businesses, which include the investment-banking firm of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenretic and Alliance Capital Management.

undervalued going into currency reform. percent interest in Alliance, carries the company at a modest The first stage of the Russian reform, launched at the start of the \$78.4 million, leaving more than \$400 million off the books under generally accepted accounting principles. And despite bad investyear, removed most price controls ments by its insurance operation, Equitable's insurance sales as continued to sell policies and annuiti Still, most analysis say it is far from clear whether Equitable

Overhaul G-7 Outlook: Echoes of Summits Past In Russia

Union a world power, the Magnitogorsk

steelworks have deteriorated into a vast com-

plex of hlackened buildings and ancient fur-

From a skyline of smokestacks comes a

constant flow of orange and white smoke that

makes the steelworks one of the world's worst

air polluters, adding to the pressure to close

Magnitogorsk's managers say it oeeds \$10 billioo or more for a sweeping modernization that would make high-quality products at a lower cost. Such an investment is far from

"The Soviet government, before it col-lapsed, was on the verge of a decision to rebuild the steelworks, financing the \$5 bil-lion project with subsidies," Mr. Starikov

They still believe that they

said. "Now the state has no money and can-

not invest and, as a result, the steelworks and

the city find themselves in a difficult position.

We are facing the same crisis that Pittsburgh

and the American steel industry faced 20

Magnitogorsk's workers and their families make up half the population in this company town of 450,000 people.

owner of the steelworks, Mr. Starikov and his

peers exercise most of the authority. They set

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nues instead of turning them over to the state,

While the government remains the nominal

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By Tom Redburn

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Gains on

overhaul gained a double boost Thursday when parliament backed down on an attempt to cut taxes and the West hinted it might give

the country more time to pay off Soviet debts. The Russian parliament, bowing

to a plea from the acting prime minister, Yegor T. Gaidar, agreed

to shelve plans to cut in half the

value-added tax, which some law-

In Bonn, the state secretary in the

bank said it would use the auction

rate set at twice-weekly trading ses-sions on the Moscow Interbank

Currency Exchange as its new benchmark, replacing a multitiered

In Thursday trading, a dollar

cost 134.8 rubles, compared with

Currency traders said commer-

cial banks dumped their dollars

and other foreign currency at the

anction after a week of panic buy-ing that inflated the dollar,

125.26 rables on Wednesday, but

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average value reached at currency

auctions throughout June. The ru-

ble started at 112-133 rubles to the

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Analysts believed the ruble to be

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Banking, which is digesting its ac- not eager to spend their money.

\$420 Million H.K. Issue

Bloomberg Business News

Properties Ltd. said Thursday that it would raise 3.295 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$422 million) after expenses through a private sale of 100 million new shares at an effective price of 33.25 dollars a share.

SHK Properties said the money would be used for business expansion in China. The company recently signed a 2 billion dollar agreement to redevelop a Beijing shopping center and has also plans

for railway projects in southern China. The share sale is the largest to be made in the Hong Kong market in recent months, dwarfing a 2 billion dollar sale of new shares by

The Hang Seng stock index, which ended 61.01 points lower at

6,073.74 on Thursday, declined on rumors that the share sale was

imminent, traders said. SHK. Properties, the market's fifth-largest company in terms of capitalization, lost 1.50 dollars to finish at 34.50.

HONG KONG - The real estate developer Sun Hung Kai

The Standard & Poor's 500

percent

International Herald Tribune PARIS — By the time the leaders of the seven major industrial countries complete their summit meeting next week in Munich, they will be hoping that the three-day extravaganza does not end up, as Yogi Berra once put it,

Consider the degrad and the second se Group of Seven annual economic summit meeting, which opens Monday, will cover all-too-familiar ground. "There is a good chance, I'm afraid, that this summit will

be as disappointing as the last two," said Michael Aho, who heads economic studies at the Council of Foreign Relations in New York. "Ever since the Berlin Wall fell, the leaders have found it harder and harder to work together on the key

have found it narrow and harder to work whether on the list issues on the global agenda." The biggest event of last July's meeting in London was the first meeting between the Western world's "board of direc-tors" and the leader of what was once the sworn enemy of

But when Mikhail S. Gorbachev made his splashy debut at

By Louis Uchitelle New York Times Service MAGNITOGORSK, Rossia — The

64.000 steelworkers at the Magnitogorsk

04,000 steelworkers at the Magnitogorsk Metallurgical Complex, the world's largest steelworks, are beginning to get nervous. The company is 90 days behind in paying wages and is offering instead 50-poind sacks of sugar and pieces of steel that the workers can try to resell.

As production falls, 5,000 of the workers

do not have a full day's work and some have

"The steelworkers do not yet grasp what is happening to them," said Valery Kucher, former editor in chief of the Magnitogorsk Worker, the city's daily newspaper. "They still believe that they are the pillars of the

Like dinosaur steelworks in the United

States that were forced to close a decade ago, the Magnitogorsk plant is threatened with bankruptcy and extinction. But it is so far

managing to squeeze out enough profit to stay alive.

subsidized by the government and earnings are used not to enrich investors, but to build workers' apartments and rest homes, subsi-dize the city's trolley-car system and con-struct new rolling mills deemed essential for

The steelworks are one of many giant state

enterprises in company towns across Russia that have emerged as a powerful political force because they keep workers housed and fed.

But their clout runs counter to the pressure

from industrial nations on President Boris N.

Yeltsin to move quickly toward a market economy, even if this leads to layoffs and

The state enterprises are a key to the bal-ancing act as Mr. Yeliam seeks billions of dollars in foreign aid while yielding on occa-sion to domestic pressures.

modernization and survival.

It survives because some major costs are

been sent home on forced vacations.

the annual affair, the former president of the former Soviet Union went bome mostly empty handed. Despite the face-saving gloss put on the matter by Western leaders. Mr. Gorbachev was visibly upset that his plea for a big cash injection for the sick Soviet economy had been so clearly rebuffed. Western leaders held back largely because the Soviet leader seemed incapable of pushing through a serious

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Only a month later, traditionalist forces within the gov-ernment launched their coup attempt against Mr. Gorba-chev's rule, which had been further weakened by his summit ailure. That set in motion the train of events that led to the final breakup of the Soviet Union.

The second visit to the G-7 summit from across the old Cold War divide should, at least on the surface, be substantially different.

Moscow has now joined the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, making Russia eligible for herv multilat-eral loans in support of economic reconstruction. A \$24 billion aid package for Russia has already been announced by President George Bush of the United States and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany. A new \$800 million package will be unwrapped in Munich aimed at helping repair some of the

most dangerous ouclear power plants still operating in several of the countries now free of the old Soviet empire

Nonetheless, there are some disturbing signs that the Munich summit meeting may simply echo last year's largely empty rhetoric. These apply not only to the West's crucial dealings with Mr. Yeltsin, but to other complex global questions as well, such as the stalemated world trade talks.

At the top of the G-7 agenda are the challenges facing the diverse nations that once made up the Soviet Union. But Mr. Yeltsin's government is still bickering with the IMF over what conditions it must fulfill before the West is prepared to deliver on the promised aid. While the two sides fiddle over Russia's faltering economic reforms, the potential for social and political upbeaval in the ex-Soviet Union looms just over the horizon.

At the same time, Japan is refusing to contribute to the Russian salvage operation until Moscow agrees to hand over the four disputed Kuril islands captured by Soviet forces at the end of World War II. Other leaders seem powerless to bring the two parties together. Still, Mr. Yeltsin is likely to emerge from his meeting with

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Yeltsin and his economic team, even at the cost of layoffs and bankruptcies. But the unrest that might result from widespread unemployment has become a bargaining weapon for the managers and their representatives in parliament, among them Vladim Kluv-

in parnament, among them Vladim Kluv-gant, the 34-year-old mayor of Magnitogorsk. "I understand the position of Mr. Gaidar to stabilize the ruble," Mr. Kluvgant said, referring to the acting Prime Minister, Yegor T. Gaidar. "But don't forget: You can hend a stick up to the point that it breaks. Otherwise up with how eacing melacion" you will have social explosion."

While parliament manages to slow the transitioo to a market economy, Mr, Starikov finds ways to sell enough steel to keep his

expensive operation going. One method has been to chip away at labor costs, and Mr. Starikov made it clear that, eventually, many jobs at the steelworks might have to disappear, Prodoction has fallen to an estimated 13.5

million tons this year, from a peak of 16 millioo in 1988, partly because the huge ore deposit that prompted Stalin to locate the steelworks here is oow exhausted and other materials have become harder to obtain.

The complex still produces more steel than any other plant in the world, and 26 percent of Russia's tonnage. The problem is that the steel coming out of this giant museum piece is below world standards.

Within the Commonwealth of Independent States, Mr. Starikov can sell the steel at only 9,000 rubles a ton, or \$90, less than half the world price.

The main customers are 8,000 domestic companies that cannot afford better quality imported steel and are themselves struggling to survive as Russia moves toward competition with more efficient foreign companies, As a result of their own problems, these

customers owe the steelworks 12 billion ru-

Hafnia Halts A Crucial Stock Issue

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches COPENHAGEN - The troubled Danish insurer Hafnia Holding A/S said Thursday that, as a result of an irregular deal with a leading soccer team, it had to postpone a stock offering it sorely needs to shore up its battered capital base. Hafnia said it was in discussions

with the underwriters - Den Danske Bank, Paribas Ltd., Bjornskov & Co. and Sparekassen Biku-ben — about the 2 billion kroner (\$340 million) issue that was to have started Thursday, but had not reached agreement with them.

Wednesday on the Copenhagen and Londoo stock exchanges after the company said its board had just learned of irregular transactions conducted by its dismissed deputy general manager, Jesper Hansen,

Hafnia said it faced demands to exercise two options to buy 73 percent of the stock of a small Danish bank, Interbank A/S, for 288 million kroner from its owner, the professional soccer club Brondby IF. That is 35 million to 45 million kroner higher than the intrinsic value of the bank stake, Hafnia said,

Brondby had deposited the bank stock as security against a loan of 250 million kroner from two banks, Carnegie Kreditinstitut A/S of Sweden and ABN Amro, that should have been repaid by June 30. The banks are now demanding options be exercise The 2 billion kroner rights issue was intended to stabilize the group after major equity capital losses af-ter an aborted attempt by Hafnia-and Norway's UNI Storebrand A/S to gain control of the Swedish insurer Forsakrings AB Skandia and falling share prices in the insurance (Reuters, AFP, AFX) SOCIOT.

A New Russia, Forged in Steel? rates to discourage the steelworks and similar giants from borrowing money to stay afloat. The industrial nations are backing Mr.

Hafnia's shares were suspended

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Officials know that successful reforms and a clear sign that Russia

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jobs," said Anatoli Starikov, the 51-year-old general manager of the steelworks. "People would have to look for work elsewhere, and in Russia that is unrealistic. If we halt part of the production, then half the city will be hurt. That is also inadmissible."

labor unrest.

country."

Once a proud symbol of the forced industrialization in the 1930s that made the Soviet

ind make investment decisions. The government, in fact, has become more adversary than ally. Under pressure from the West to balance its budget and put the nation's finances in order to qualify for foreign loans, the government in turn is trying to raise money by taxing the steelworks and other enterprises. It is also trying to maintain high interest

bles, or 12 percent of the complex's expected revenue this year. Mr. Starikov and his managers offset the losses by simply running up a 12-billion ruble debt of their own with their suppliers and workers. "If these customers go under, then the steelworks are doomed," said Mr. Kucher,

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arter	DAIWA CAPITAL - L.C.F. EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD INTERNATIONAL BOND FUND
 20.1 percent after adding 26.8 percent in the first three months of 1992. Double-digit gains were also shown by IBM, at 17.2 percent; McDonald's, at 15.4 percent, and Excon, at 13 percent. The worst performers of the Dow 30 had one thing in common: a dependence on consumers. Woolworth sagged 12.1 percent, Sears, Roebuck slipped 11.4 percent and Procter & Gamble fell 10 percent. Carriage Inc., the Big Board's best performer (among common stocks that began the quarter at S5 or more), reported rising profits from its carpet operations, but a part of its 93 percent rise came oo the oews that Carriage's chief erceutive and principal shareholder, Clarence E. Harris, was suffering from prostate cancer. The three worst performers on the Big Board for the quarter were all dependent on the clothing business, and found it tough. Financially troubled Gitano, the maker of women's clothing, fell 61 percent and Fabri-Centers, a retailer of fabrics and patterns, fell 55 percent. 	INTERNATIONAL BOND FUND Annoace de mise en paiement d'un dividende Un dividende de U.S.570 par part sera mis en paiement à partir du 3 juillet 1992 contre remise du coupon nº de des certificats an porteur à la : BANQUE PRIVEE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD S.A. Succursale de Laxembourg 20, Boulevard Eumannel-Scrvals, L-2585 Laxembourg 20, Boulevard Eumannel-Scrvals, L-2582 Laxembourg à partir du 3 juillet 1992. Société d'investissement à capital variable 8, L-2132 LUXEMBOURG Notice is hereby given to the shareholders of SCI/TECH S.A. that, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the shareholders at their Annual Ceneral Meeting held on June 26, 1992 a dividend of U.S.6005 per share will be paid as of July 10, 1992 ("the Payment 2, 1992. As of the Payment Date, holder of shares other than registered shareholdes may present the coupon number 4 for payment at: Citicorp Investment Bank (Laxembourg) S.A. 16, avenue Marie-Thèrese L-2132 Laxembourg, or to: Bank Mees & Hope N.V. Herengracht 548, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
In 1991, some of the best stocks to own were small growth stocks. There were exceptions, but in many cases they were among the worst this est year. The Nasdaq industrial aver- age, which is dominated by technol- ogy companies, fell 11 percent.	BACO JOINS LEGRAND GROUP
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ed in Tokyo For Delivery to Most Offices in Japan our Tokyo office	Legrand Group has acquired an 88% stake in BACO, a Strasbourg-bosed company employing a staff of 600. In 1991, BACO generated consolidated total soles of FFr 275 million, 25% from exports, for a nat profit of FFr 22 millian. BACO will remain on independent entity within the Legrand Group. At the same time, it will benefit from

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is managing to rein in runaway in-flatioo are the only way to unlock a \$24 billion international aid package due to be discussed by G-7 leaders in Munich next week. (Reuters, AP)

By Floyd Norris New York Times Service

NEW YORK - You can bank

Quarterly Big Board Gainers and Losers Counter stocks that showed the largest percentage gains and declines in the second-quarter, as calculated by Media General Stocks that started the guarter under 55 a share are excluded Only one class substock is listed for each company. <u>Origina price</u> Change Mach St. June 50 Dollars. Percent

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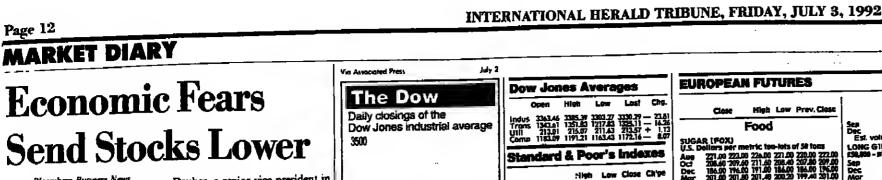
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NEW YORK - Stocks fell Thursday on the New York Stock Exchange on news that the U.S. unemployment rate rose to its highest level to eight years, fueling concern that a sluggish economic recovery is getting even veaker.

The Dow Jones industrial aver-age, which rose 35.58 points

N.Y. Stocks

Wednesday, fell 23.81 to 3,330.29. The Nasdaq Combined Composite index slumped 5.64 to 563.35 and Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 1.09 to 411.79.

The Labor Department said the unemployment rate rose to 7.8 percent from 7.5 percent. The report prompted the Federal Reserve to cur the discount rate from 3.5 percent to 3 percent, its lowest level in 29 years. an action that was widely anticipated and did little to relieve people's concerns about the economy and the outlook for corporate profits.

"What else can the Fed do?" said A.C. Moore, fund manager at Argus Investment Management. "In-vestors are looking at the bottom of the barrel on interest rates and asking themselves what other positive news they can expect.

"The economy is faltering, and that's hurting stocks," said Phil

Fed's Interest-Rate Cuts **Send Dollar Plunging**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar plunged Thursday after June's very weak U.S. employment numbers, which showed a jump in the jobless rate to 7.8 percent from 7.5, prompting the Federal Reserve to cut interest rates. The dollar closed at 1.5075 Deut-

sche marks, down from 1.5237 DM Foreign Exchange

on Wednesday, and at 124.40 yen, Mitsubishi Trust & Banking. Next week, the dollar should trade bedown from 125.35 yea. tween 123 and 125 yea, he said, But the U.S. currency stopped In other trading, the dollar slid to 5.0738 French francs from sliding once it reached 1.50 DM, traders said. Many investors 5,1245 francs on Wednesday and to 1.3510 Swiss francs from 1.3700

jumped at the chance to book profits they had from selling the dollar short earlier, they said. from \$1.9045. "People had already sold on the

employment report, and when it came out, they covered rapidly, said Paul Farrell, chief dealer at Chase Manhattan.

The U.S. currency should come ployment report "abysmal." under more pressure next week as investors again focus on the wide differential between interest rates to prop up its currency, according to dealers. The dollar ended at Canadian 1.2012 Canadian dollars, in the United States and Europe. traders said.

In its announcement of a halfpoint cut in the discount rate to 3 percent, the Fed cited, notably,

Dauber, a senior vice president in equity trading at Lehman Brothers. "No one cares anymore about interest rates. All they want to see now is better earnings and that's a big question mark.' Advanced Micro Devices, SL

Jude Medical, Easel Corp., Network General and Mentor Graphics were among the companies to report dis-appointing earnings news. St. Jude Medical fell 5% to 31%

after the company said earnings and sales growth will be below expectations in the second quarter. Network General plunged 10 to 9% after the company said weak-ness in all product lines and mar-

kets squeezed profits in the latest Technology Solutions slumped 7% to 8% after the company an-nounced layoffs and reported sec-ond-quarter earnings of 43 cents a share, up from 38 cents a year earli-er. The latest quarter included quarter. er. The latest quarter included

some write-offs. Mentor Graphics declined 2% to 7½ after the maker of electronic design software and systems said it would report an operating loss of between 10 and 15 cents a share for the second quarter. The company blamed the weak Japanese econo-

when the Fed's weekly report on

money supply showed that the M-2 measure fell by a sharp \$10.6 bil-

lion in the week ended June 22.

The dollar is also likely to give up

ground against the yen ahead of the

Group of Seven meeting of indus-trial countries next week, traders

said. "As long as the G-7 countries

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this downward trend will contin-

ue," said Toru Matsuda, a trader at

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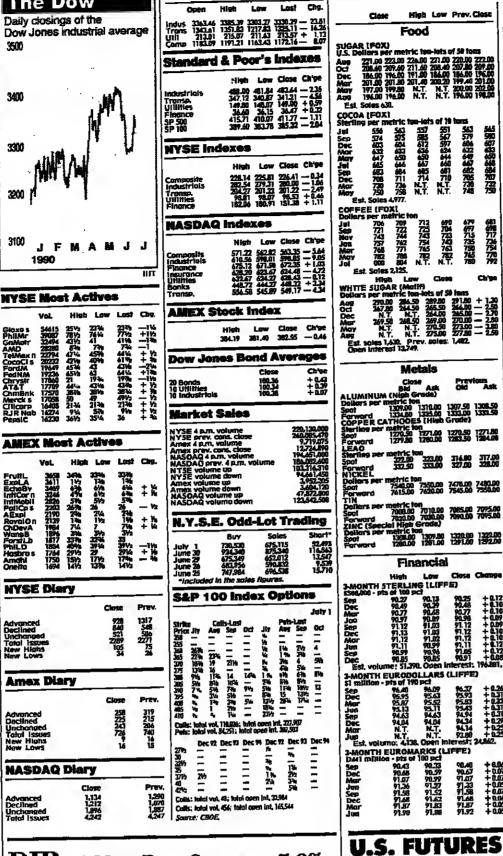
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U.S. Debt to Foreigners Soars 40.4% WASHINGTON (AP) - America remained the world's biggest debtor ; nation in 1991, boosting its liabilities to foreigners by 40.4 percent last year, the government said Thursday.

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at current stock market prices, rose to \$381.84 billion, from \$272.03 billion in 1990. The debt reflects the difference between what Americans own overseas and what foreigners own in the United States. The report showed that American investments overseas totaled \$2.11 trillion, up 6.6 percent from 1990. At the same time, foreign boldings in the United

States totaled \$2.49 trillion, up 10.7 percent. Britain remained the largest owner of direct assets in the United States in , 1991, with boldings of \$106.06 billion. Japan was second, with holdings of \$86.66 billion. Direct assets are defined as at least 10 percent ownership.

Bristol-Myers Agrees on Settlement NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Bristol-Myers Squibb's infant-formula division agreed Thursday to pay wholesalers and retailers a multimillion dollar settlement to end a class-action suit alleging antitrust violations. The pharmaceutical company will pay \$38.76 million to 21 direct purchasers nationwide "to eliminate the burden and expense of protract-ed litigation." the company said. ed litigation," the company said,

ed utigation," the company said. Bristol, based in New York, will take a \$46 million pretax charge in the second quarter to offset costs related to the class-action settlement and expenses from other alleged antitrust violations. It denied wrongdoing in all the cases.

Mead Will Lay Off 1,000 Workers

DAYTON, Ohio (UPI) — Mead Corp., the forest-products company, said Thursday it would lay off 1,000 people over the next two years and, sell its recently acquired Ampad commercial office-products business to

sell its recently acquired Ampad commercial office-products business to Bain Capital of Boston as part of a restructuring. Mead said it would eliminate both staff and management positions, throughont the company, resulting in annual savings of \$60 million. Mead employs more than 21,000 people worldwide. Mead also said it was undertaking a "performance improvement" restructuring program during the next two to three years. To pay for it, the company has established a reserve of \$95 million, which will reduce second quarter net earnings by \$1 a share. Mead said the program was aimed at improving its ability to achieve consistently higher performance.

AT&T and Unions Agree on Contract

WASHINGTON (AP) - American Telephone & Telegraph's 125,000 workers would get wage increases of up to 11.8 percent over three years, improved job security and other benefits under a tentative agreement, made public Thursday. The agreement, reached with the help of a federal mediator, ended

three months of talks. The pact will now go to union members for a ratification vote.

For the Record

Sheikh Khalid bin Mahfouz, a Saudi Arabian banker charged with defrauding depositors and investors of \$300 million in the BCCI banking scandal, said Thursday the charges were unfounded. Sheikh Mahfouz had been indicted by a Manhattan grand jury on Wednesday.

U.S. commercial and industrial loans decreased \$1.37 billion to \$278.56 billion in the week ended June 24, the Federal Reserve System said Thursday. The total did not include \$1.495 billion of bankers' accept ances and commercial paper.

Atari Corp. said it had withdrawn its appeal of a verdict in favor of Nintendo of America Inc, in an antitrust case filed by Atari claiminfy anticompetitive practices. Nintendo agreed not to proceed with attemp to recover certain legal costs from Atari.

American Re Corp. of New York, the third-largest U.S. property and casualty reinsurance company, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission to sell as much as \$350 million of senior subordinated debentures due 2004.

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mal Herald Tribus LONDON - Lloyd's of London emerged bruised but still breathing on Thursday after the release of two reports looking into the big insurance market's inner workings. Sir David Walker, who chaired a group investigat-

ing charges of frand and malpractice, set the tone by saying that although his report added up to serious ornicism, the problems were still "correctable."

The Walker report made 18 recommendations. Sir David cited the sheer number of recommendations as a measure of how deep Lloyd's problems ran. "We plainly would not be making them if we had found in our inquiry that all was well," be summarized.

Market insiders took heart in the inquiry's finding that there was no evidence of fraud or conspiracy. Such a finding would have allowed some of the so-called names — those individuals who provide the capital - to dodge the necessity of honoring massive claims. The biggest blow to the status quo at Lloyd's

came Thursday from Sir Jeremy Morse. Sir Jeremy, the chairman of Lloyds Bank PLC,

was called in early this year to look into the market's governance after recommendations of an earlier inquiry had been rejected by the market's ruling council. The earlier inquiry conclud-ed that in the interests of efficiency Lloyd's badly needed to separate its administrative and regulatory functions.

Not only did the Morse report recommend creation of two boards -- one for regulation and one for administration - but it also proposed a huge diminution in council powers.

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With two different ontside inquiries pow stacked up against it, the council officially en-dorsed the idea of a separation of powers at a meeting on Wednesday. It plans to implement the changes by the end of the year.

In the future not only will the council have its membership cut in half to 14, but it will meet only every two or three months, and furthermore it will be expected merely to approve the recommendations of the two new boards.

The council members could always do whatever they wanted, said one former Lloyd's underwriter. Andrew Duguid, Lloyd's head of market ser-vices, denied that the council was being forcibly stripped of its powers and instead termed the cuts conscious delegation." Others saw in it hopeful signs that at last the mighty council, which Sir Jeremy described as cumbrous, was prepared to respond to criticism.

Robin Meritens, secretary of the 1992 Outh-waite Names Association, hailed the reversal forced upon the council by the Morse report. He gave full credit to public opinion. The council, which faces a possible vote of no

confidence in an extraordinary general meeting scheduled later this month, has had fewer and fewer admirers in recent years.

The council always did what was in the best interest of Lloyd's the corporation as opposed to those outsiders such as its names," said Karen Neale, an analyst with Barclays de Zoete Wedd. On the important contention that names who

actually work in the market consistently fared better than outside names. Sir David said he had expected some disparity but was surprised by its extent.

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Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches BRUSSELS — The EC Commission on Thursday approved French state aid of 6.28 billion francs (\$1.3 BERLIN - Volkswagen AG, billion) for the computer maker Europe's largest carmaker, said

Thursday that its group net profit Bull, drawing criticism from Britain. n the first half of 1992 was slightly The Commission had east serihigher than last year's 433 million ous doubts over Bull's future in July 1991 when it opened a formal

The company's chief executive, inquiry into the aid plan, on com-Carl Hahn, also said the parent net petition grounds. This left open the profit in the first six months was possibility that it might decide to block a cash injection, which the In the first half of 1991, VW's French government said was cruroup net profit rose to 433 million cial to putting the state-controlled DM (\$286 millioo), from 428 mil-lion, while the parent net profit company back on its feet.

But the European Community's accutive body said on Thursday that it could allow the funds - 4 billion francs in capital increases and 2.68 billion francs in research grants - because Bull was making drastic efforts to cut production and

jobs and to streamline business. The Commission defended its decision against possible attack from Bull's rivals in Europe, saying it expected growth in the computer sector of up to 10 percent a year by the late 1990s, after a general

slightly higher group net. However, analysis cautioned that slowing downturn in 1990-92. But Bull's market share would fall to 1.8 per-German car sales and an extended cent in 1992, from 2.1 percent in slide by the dollar could send the 1991, the commission forecast. As Bull's restructuring plan will

reduce its productive capacity and its market share, the state aid does not "adversely affect trading con-

ditions" in the EC computer market, the commission said. In London, however, the trade and industry secretary, Michael He-

seltine, vehemently disagreed. He called the commission decisioo "very disappointing" and said it would "have a seriously distorting effect on competition in this sector. Mr Heseltine said European

competitors of Bull, including ICL, the British unit of Japan's Fujitsu Lid, "have all faced the need to respond to changes in the market. place by radically restructuring their operations and by carrying out sigmificant research and development."

"I fear that this decision will encourage other firms to seek similar support from their governments," Mr. Heseltine said.

The Commission, in its statement, said it approved the aid "on the grounds that it is a occessary part of a radical restructuring plan involving substantial layoffs and a loss of market share."

"If we had decided this last year we would prohably have said 'No',' a Commission spokesman said. But since last July, Bull has embarked on a major restructuring and Interna-tional Business Machines Corp. has taken a stake of 5.68 percent in the company, whose full name is Compagnie des Machines Bull.

(Reuters, AFX, Bloomberg)

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Very briefly:

ASKO Deutsche Kaufhaus AG stock is expected to plunge to around 600 Deutsche marks (\$396) when trading resumes Friday, analysts said, from 745 DM on Tuesday, when it was suspended; the retailer said it would sell stakes to belp it cut debt and resume dividend payments.

. Asea Brown Boveri Ltd. said its ABB Power Generation AG unit and its Japanese consortium partners Maruheni Corp. and Kawasaki Heavy dustries had been awarded a \$300 million contract to supply a power plant in Bataan, Philippines.

• Asociación Española de la Banca's president, Jose Luis Leal, said the sector's results would not be very good, and banking profits would be closely linked to the way the economy developed in the second half,

• The EC Commission said it would announce on Aug. 4 its decision regarding the Nestle SA takeover of Source Perrier SA, a preliminary ruling beld that the takeover would give Nestle too dominant a position.

the Argentine soap maker, for an undisclosed sum,

• RWE said it increased consolidated sales by 3.8 percent, to 51,8 billion DM, in the year to June, attributed mainly to the purchase in 1991 of Vista Chemical Co. of the United States.

· Chevron U.K. Ltd. awarded a five-year, \$38 million contract to Salamis/SGB for maintenance services for the three Ninian offshore oil platforms in the North Sea. Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX, AFP

ASDA Sells Stake in MFI Furniture

LONDON - ASDA Group PLC, the British supermarket group, said Thursday it had sold its 25 percent stake in MFI Furniture Group PLC for £73 million (\$139 million) in cash.

ASDA, which has been plagued by debts, wrote down its MFI stake to just £2 million last year. It had purchased MFI in 1985 for £574 million. Two years later, it pot the stake up for sale, saying it failed to contribute sufficiently to earnings. Most of MFI was sold in 1987 to its senior management, who announced plans to eventually seek a listing for it.

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knowledged publicly that the ex- to actually cut the final deal than in Soviet nations were likely to receive the past. In the last minute scramble beadditional relief from their foreign debt burden "We the G-7, are prepared to some officials are still hoping for a discuss and consider a larger breakthrough. British diplomats breathing space for the countries of announced Thursday that EC and the former Soviet Union and Rus- U.S. leaders would be looking for a sia in particular in the servicing of possible, compromise when they their foreign debt," said Horst meet this weekend in London in a Köhler, state secretary in the Ger- pro-summit session. man Finance Ministry and the se-

for organizing the Munich summit meeting.

SUMMIT: Will G-7 Play Same Tunes Once Again? (Continued from first finance page) Trade, are still deadlocked despite so politically weak at home that the vow made two years ago in Houston that G-7 leaders would they may all be desperate to pull off something they can bill as a foreign personally get involved in cutting

policy triumph. Mr. Kohl, as host in Munich, through the GATT Gordian knot. would have the most to gain from achieving something substantial A year later in London, however, they were still promising to work together to overcome the remaining from the summit. "The Chancellor," Mr. Köhler obstacles to an agreement in the

"is trying personally very year, Mr. Hahn said. Uruguay Round. John Major, as host of the G-7 sessions last year, hard."

DEAL: 2 Telecoms Concerns Link to wrap up the talks. He never did, While trade negotiators in Brus-

(Continued from page 1) emerged Thursday, when the Rus-sels and Washington have sharply sian parliament backed away from narrowed the differences between cellular telephone technology in Europe and Asia. the European Community and the

A spokesman for Northern Telecom, Richard Lowe, said the company had been urgently seeking means to develop its interests in ical leaders seem no more prepared cellular phones in Europe following its recent joint venture with Motorola, which is aimed at the

fore the Munich summit, however,

British and German officials nior official in Bonn responsible have been particularly active in try-for organizing the Munich summit ing to broker a compromise. Both French and U.S. political leaders remain wary, he ver. of the possi-

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that Hachette, which at year-end carried debt of 8.36 billion francs, would be a healthy company by the time the merger is completed.

Asked if be was alarmed by investing in Matra Hachette in the light of the La Cinq losses, Mr. Stern of Northern Telecom said that the company had done due diligence and coocluded that the cellular phone market in North and restment was "a prodent and South America. These American positive thing for Northern Telemarkets use a different standard

technology. The Canadian company also said For Matra Communication. which had a loss of 9 million france would pay about \$50 million for last year on sales of 5.8 billion a stake of between 5 and 8 percent francs, the alliance with Northern the proposed Matra Hachette Telecom represents an important Group. Jean-Luc Lagardère, the step toward gaining the size and chairman of both the Hachette SA technological resources necessary media group and Matra, said earlito survive in a European market er this year that the two companies e far larber would be merged to form an unusuitor Alcatel Alsthom has consisal missiles-to-magazines giant. But tently outgunned it. the financial arrangements for the proposed merger have not yet been "Matra Communication just did not have the critical mass to make it before this deal," said Andrew disclosed. Hachette posted a loss of 1.93 billion frances last year following its Haskins, a telecommunications disastrous investment in the failed and electronics analyst at James La Cinq television station, and Capel. "It was way behind Alcatelthere has been speculation that the Alsthom in the equipment market, merger amounts to a way for Matra and desperately needed a partner to absorb Hachette's losses. But like Northern Telecom with real Mr. Lagardère denied this, saying technological muscle."

Mr. Hahn said the reasons parent net profit was slightly down were the continued burden of switching to ocw models, combined with a daily car output that was some 1,000 vehicles below last year. The trend toward a higher group New Trouble for Thomson net and lower parent net at VW was seen last year, when VW's group net rose 2.6 percent to 1.11 billion

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"The group net profit will be slightly above last year's 433 mil-lion marks," Mr. Hahn said, VW

will first report final six-month fig-

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VW stock rose 12.5 DM to close

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DM, while the parent net profit fell 33.2 percent to 447 million. For the entire year, VW expects to sell 3.5 million vehicles, up from 3.13 million in 1991. In the first half of 1992. VW sold 1.6 million

WASHINGTON - An investigation of a possible violation of U.S. export laws could cast a new shadow over Thomson-CSF's attempt to buy LTV Corp.'s aircraft and missile divisions.

The U.S. Customs Service is investigating whether the French government-controlled electronics company violated export laws in

A spokesman for Thomson-CSF denied Wednesday that the sale was illegal and called any such speculation "false and suspect." Thomson-CSF's \$400 million bid has raised opposition in Con-

hostile elements abroad. The bid was approved in April by a

craft Co, and Carlyle Group, an investment firm. The group outbid an offer from Martin Manetta Corp. and Lockheed Corp.

Thursday's Closing Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press (Continued) DW YH PE TOOS 12 Manifi High Law Stock

vehicles, up 5.4 percent from last (Reuters, Bloomberg)

a 1985 sale of lasers to Iraq, an official of the agency said.

gress, where legislators fear U.S. technology could be diverted to

bankruptcy judge. Thomson-CSF leads an acquisition group including Hughes Air-

by Martin Marietta for Thomson-CSF, the sources said.

In Its LTV Defense Bid The Associated Press

The lasers involved in the sale to Iraq were attached to Iraqi Mirage jets and could be used to track targets on the ground, sources inside and outside the government said. The lasers were developed



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INSURE: Equitable's Tough Sell

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can reach its goal of selling more than 43 million shares of stock at between \$11 and \$14 a share. One analyst predicts a price of \$8

to \$11 is more likely. "Even in this target range," said James Ramenda, an investment analyst with Northington Partners, a research firm in Avon, Connecticut, "we would recommend that it is suitable only for investors with high risk tolerance."

The problems faced by Equitable are in many ways the problems faced by the life-insurance industry, only more so. To lure new customers with high

returns on their investment, Equitable became a leader in the sale of guaranteed investment contracts, or GICs, which often promised to pay high interest rates of the late 1970s and early 1980s years into the future.

As interest rates dropped, Equi-

table invested more and more in high-yield junk bonds and commercial real estate to keep paying GIC customers. But the junk-bond and real estate markets collapsed, saddling Equitable with big losses on GICs and a sharply weakened portfolio.

According to the prospectus, the company recorded a pretax loss in 1991 from continuing operations of \$506 million, up from \$308 million in 1990. Last September, the compa-ny discontinued the sale of GICs, which gray up \$257 million in loss nitogorsk's steel." which ran up \$852 million in losses last year, including \$570 million re-served for future GIC losses. Equi-table still had \$6.7 billion in outa major steelworks.

standing GIC liabilities as of March 31, and the company says it has put de adequate reserves to cover it. Particularly troubling to critics

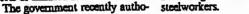
like Mr. Grant is the company's ports of finished steel. heavy exposure in commercial real estate

MILL: Key Test for the New Russia

(Continued from first finance page) rized such an arrangement, but so far no investors have come forthe oewspaper editor. The steel is ward

good for making tanks but not for making computers and modern cars. The world does not need Mag-If new facilities ever replace the old equipment, the work force would have to shrink to 40,000, The steel company estimates to-tal revenue this year at 100 billion rubles, or \$1 billion at current exfrom 64,000 now. "But we are oot going to lay people off," Mr. Sary-chev said. "We are creating new products and new jobs." change rates -- alarmingly little for

He listed a plan to diversify the The strategy to lure foreign in-vestments, as described by Mr. Starikov and Valentin F. Sarychev, plant's operations and the town's industries, expanding such current operations as a furniture subsidthe 41-year-old deputy chief engi-neer, is to use the money to build iary, a tin-can division and a unit that makes enamel-coated steel pots. In the future, car parts and steel ladies are to be made. But much-needed rolling mills and new oxygen furnaces. The return on the these operations will probably not investment would be paid in exbe enough to re-employ all the









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Hong Kong Pay-TV Solution: No Win?

By Laurence Zuckerman -International Herald Tribune

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HONG KONG --- The Hong Kong governmeat unveiled Thursday a blacprint for bring-ing pay television to one of the world's most potentially locrative broadcast markets. But the long-awaited announcement appeared to raise more questions than it answered.

The government said it hoped to award an exclusive three-year franchise to a prospective pay-television operator while at the same time relaxing current restrictions on the coloing's two cristing terrestrial broadcasters and STAR TV, the fast-growing Hong Kong-based regional satellite broadcaster con-trolled by the businessman Li Ka-shing and

his family. Lames So, Hong Kong's secretary for re-creation and culture, said the government's aim was to provide the public with the widest choice possible while creating a fair and contable environment for all broadcasters. However, that delicate balance appears to have pleased no one while spawning confusion, even as the government hopes to award a franchise by the beginning of oext year. "I don't think anybody left there really happy," said Clay Conrad, director of Asian operations for the international cable operator Millisat, who attended a government briefing for prospective bidders and existing broadcasters. Mr. Conrad and the other major players had few comments about the goverament plan, saying there were still too Hong Kong's 5.7 million residents - or to many unanswered questions. The new plan is the latest development in a

saga that combines bitter business rivalnes with charges of government incompetence. In 1989, a five-member international consortium led by Wharf (Holdings) Ltd. made an lith-hour bid for Hong Kong's cable fran-chise, beating out a heavily favored bid by a unit of Mr. Li's Hutchison Whampos Ltd.

The Wharf team promised to build a stateof the art fiber-optic network that would pro-vide both pay television and telecommunica-tions. But by late 1990, disagreements among the partners, which included U.S. West Inc., Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd., Shaw Brothers (Hong Kong) Ltd. and Codital SA of Baleiran (Hong Kong) Ltd. and Coditel SA of Belgium, saw the consortium collapse.

Meanwhile, Mr. Li changed tack, estab-lishing the five-channel STAR TV network, which broadcasts news, sports and entertainment programming throughout Asia and the Middle East via the AsiaSat I communications satellite. Since its debut last summer, STAR has gained nearly 2 million viewing households and created a boom for satelliteantenna providers throughout the region.

But STAR, which is a free, advertiser-supported service, has complained that it was constrained by a Hong Kong government license that does not allow it to broadcast in Cantonese --- the language spoken by most of charge subscriptions.

The Hong Kong government has been loath to grant STAR's wishes for fear of alienating prospective bidders for a colonywide multichannel pay-television service. even though Hong Kong's 1.7 million affluent and densely packed households are one of the world's most attractive pay-TV markets. Indeed, last summer, Wharf re-entered the

fray, announcing that it was willing to spend 5 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$647 million) to build a fiber-opoc network that could offer both cable-television and telecommunications services if it could get some sort of exclusive franchise.

Mr. So said the new plan only concerned pay television but that preference would be given to bidders who proposed a hard-wired cable system that had the potential also to be used as a telecommunications network.

That annoys Millisat's Mr. Conrad, who plans to spend only 500 million dollars to build a 16-channel microwave broadcast network. "We don't want to build a second telephone oetwork," he said.

Wharf does have ambitions to operate a second telephone network, but it is annoyed by the government's decision to allow STAR to broadcast its news, sports, and music chan-nels in Cantonese and charge subscriptions for a future sixth channel.

Australia Boosts Air Ties Investor's Asia With Malaysia, Korea

government-run domestic carrier Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches Australian Airlines, CANBERRA - Air services be-

"Qantas already has plans to optween Australia and Asia will exerate three B-767 services direct to pand dramatically following the Kuala Lumpur from Sydoey from signing of air agreements with Ma-November this year, and Ansett laysia and South Korea, the Aus-Airlines has expressed a strong intralian transport minister, Bob Colterest in operating to Malaysia as soon as it is in a position to do so." The accords, Mr. Collins said, Mr. Collins said. will pave the way for early entry into Asia by Ansett Australia.

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Seoul	Composite Stock	548,28	551.98	-0.67
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• Securs composite stock index slumped to a 53-month low, losing 3.70 points to 548.28, on gloom about the economic outlook and prospects for company earnings.

. Oki Electric Industry Co. agreed with Matra MHS, a French semiconductor maker, to jointly develop large-scale integrated chips.

• Malaysia's prime minister, Mahathir Mohamad, said the Anti-Corruptipo Agency would pursue its investigadoo of alleged misappropriatioo of shares in Telecom Malaysia by the posts and telecommunications minister, S. Samy Vellu.

• Japan's Fair Trade Commission is studying the discounting of liquor prices to see if liquor is being sold by distributors below cost, bypassing the traditional distribution chain and undercutting liquor stores.

 The Asian Development Bank approved a \$50 million loan to build a 75kilometer (46-mile) toll highway linking Shenyang, capital of China's northeastern province of Liaoning, with the cities of Benxi and Nanfen.

• Atsugi Unisia Corp., an alfiliate of Nissan Motor Co., will absorb Japan Electronic Control Systems Co. next March 1, creating Japan's thirdlargest auto-parts maker.

· South Korea's trade deficit in June declined to this year's lowest level of \$130 million, from \$500 million in May.

• The Taiwan dollar rose to 24.62 against the U.S. dollar, marking the American currency's lowest level since 1959, when the government fixed the exchange rate at 40 Taiwan dollars to one U.S. dollar.

• The Ministry of International Trade and Industry said Japan had asked the United States not to introduce new tariffs on imported four-door sport/utility and multipurpose vehicles, a category that includes mini-

vans, after a House committee voted last month to do so,

Japan's Builders Burdened by Loan Guarantees *Australia Bidding

Agence France-Presse

CANBERRA — Hong Kong-based Hutchison Telecom on Thursday launched its bid for Australia's third cellular telephone license.

Hutchison Joins

The company, a unit of Hutchi-son Whampoa Ltd., said it was discussing a possible partnership with two Australian concerns.

Hutchison was a senior partner Oleg Tsarer in the unsuccessful bid by a consorwho works tium called Kalori for the second ould write the felecommunications carrier license. thors for the eventually won by Optus Commug considered nications last November. House would

Vodafone Group PLC announced Tuesday its involvement is senior partner of a consortium - Arena GSM -- to bid for the third ficense. And Singapore Tele-com Pty. said Thursday that it had been invited by the Australian gov-ensment to bid.

Bloomberg Business News

TOKYO - Japan's contractors, already suffering from a downturn in orders, are facing new losses from ill-timed concessions they made to clients two years ago to increase business.

As competition for orders began heating up in 1990, Japanese contractors began luring chents with agreements to guarantee loans and huy stocks or land from them. Those agreements are now taking a toll on many constructioo companies, analysts said.

The guaranteed loans have become the most immediate problem. Backing a client's loans was a common way to build relationships in Japan until the "bubble" economy began deflating in 1990, turning many of the loans into high-risk ventures.

Several construction firms are already having to cover loans they backed, and investors are worried that the worst is yet to come. According to Masatoshi Shioiri at UBS/Phillips & Drew International, companies forced to cover bad loans include:

• Tobishima Corp., which incurred 106 bil-lioo yen (\$884 million) in loan liabilities to B

of 23 billion yen in orders that Nanatomi placed hut could oot pay for.

 Ishihara Construction, which inherited 23 billion yen in liabilities after the steelmaker Kyowa declared bankruptcy.

• Hazama-Gumi Ltd., which faces 12 billion yen in guaranteed loans to Nippon Autopolis on top of 27.4 billion yen from lost orders.

• Kumagai-Gumi Co., which faces 6.4 hillion yen in bad loans from the Saitama Country

 Aoki Construction, which faces 5 hillion yen in irrecoverable loans to Iwama Country Club.

A report by Morgan Stanley Research showed that Kumagai-Gumi held the largest amount of loan guarantees among contractors as of March 31. Kumagai's guarantees totaled 554 billion yen, or 18 times its operating income.

In addition, contractors have been securing orders by agreeing to buy the land on which they build from clients, then selling it back with

defunct realtor, Nanatomi, in addition to a loss the building at a package price, the Morgan Stanley report said.

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Although this practice is less widespread than loan guarantees, its risks are equally high. Not only do contractors miss out on interest they would make from higher-yielding invest-ment to develop advanced solid-state storage devices using flash ments, they could also be stuck with quickly devaluing land if the client went bankrupt.

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Morgan Stanley said Taisei and Kajima had Under the agreement, the com-panies will jointly design and share technology on solid-state files to be the largest increase io land boldings during fiscal 1991. Taisei's land assets that it intends to assembled with flash chips now besell to clients rose 41 percent to 293 billion yen. Kajima's rose 35 percent to 300 hillioo yen.

Cootractors also tried to build up close rela-tionships by buying clients' stock. But many who chose this route have been stung by a 57 percent decline in stocks since December 1989, In spite of the concessions, new orders have been slack for most of these contractors. Tai-

sei's orders are projected to rise 1.6 percent in closed. value this year, following a 1 percent rise last year, the Morgan report said, Kajima's are expected to fall an estimated 4.5 percent, Tobi-

shima's to fall 14.5 percent, Kumagai-Gumi's to rise 4.5 percent, Aoki's to increase by 6.6 a new generation of powerful and percent and Hazama's to rise 0.7 percent,

ing developed by Toshiba. The two companies have agreed to assemble the new devices independently while using them in their own products and marketing them to other companies. Other details of their agreement were not dis-

Kiyoji Ishida, senior managing director of IBM's Japanese unit, said the agreement "will help create compact computers."

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SPORTS SOCCER

FIFA Picks France Over Morocco to Hold '98 World Cup

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

ZURICH -- France was selected Thursday to stage the 1998 World Cup soccer finals, returning the championship to the 1938 host country and one of the game's oldest strongholds.

France beat Morocco, 12 to 7, in the secret vote by the 19-member executive committee of FIFA, the sport's world governing body, which the French helped found in 1904

Only one ballot was needed for the decision, which ended Morocco's second bid to move the 24nation event outside Europe and the Americas for the first time. Earlier, the committee quashed Switzer-land's candidacy to avoid two competing European bids. FIFA's president, João Have-

lange of Brazil, announced the tally at a oews conference.

"This award is the crowning glo-ry of three years of work," said Fernand Sastre, chief organizer of the French bid. "It's a great day for French football, a great joy." Michel Platini, the French na-

tional team coach and one of his nation's greatest sports idols, an-nounced his resignation after FI-FA's decision and was expected to help organize the World Cup.

France has never won the World Cup, considered the world's biggest single-sports event. It is automatically qualified for the 1998 championship as host.

While France was favored, many expected the vote to be closer.

Morocco, supported by African and Asian members, got no more backing than four years ago, when it lost 10 to 7 to the United States in the vote for the 1994 World Cup.

we are disappointed that the European-American monopoly has again been confirmed," said the president of the Moroccan Olympic, Rachidi Alami, "It is an injustice for Africa and the Arab countries."

But the president of the French soccer federation, Jean Fournet-Fayard, maintained that France's dossier was very complete."

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which are ready - stadiums, tele-

communications, transportation --and that's very important," he said. France's victory was consolation after financial scandals in soccer and a poor showing at last month's European Championship, where the highly touted French team exit-

ed in the first round. And Fournet-Fayard has been charged in the collapse of a temporary grandstand at a French soccer cup semifinal in May on the island of Corsica that killed 15.

Both main candidates had strong government backing and pledged stadium improvements to meet FI-FA's requirements. In its bid, France promised to

link all 1998 sites with the TGV high-speed train. Plans include a braod-oew

By Samuel Abt

International Herald Tribune SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain — From his butcher's stall in the Calle de Erbieta

Municipal market, Paco Echeverria is

happy to talk chuletas, bistecas and even

80.000-seat stadium south of Paris for the opening game and final of the 52-game tournament, and two other new arenas among the 12

game sites.

hamburguesas, but what he seems happiest to talk are bicicletas. As in ciclismo, as in the Tour de France. The world's greatest bicycle race begins in San Sebastian on Saturday, and

Paco Echevernia is prepared to recom-mend a few choice cuts among the riders. "Africa deserved its chance and "Indurain," be said, "Muy bueno." Sev-eral large posters of Miguel Indurain, the Spaniard who is the defending champion in the Tour, adorned the walls behind the

butcher's counter, Echeverria jerked a bangdaged thumb

toward some of the other posters. "Bugno," he said, "LeMood, Breukink. Muy peligraso." That was prime rib; Gianni Bugno, Greg LeMond and Erik Breukink should

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be very dangerous indeed to Indurain's

hopes in the three-week Tour. The butcher shook his head in deci-sion. "Indurain," he said. "Numero uno."

Even a lactoid vegetarian would find it

hard to argue with that verdict. At the

moment, Indurain ranks first in the com-

puterized standings of the world's profes-

sional bicycle racers and has just record-

cd two impressive victories. First, in mid-line, he finished romping, through the three-week Giro d'Italia and became the first Spaniard to win that daunting race. Last Sunday he overtook a

three-man breakaway and won the sprint

to become Spanish national champion.

That victory was had news for his rivals in the Tour, who had hoped that Indurain lost it in the Giro. "It" is the untiring

power that makes him a top climber and

for him. It includes two days of major

climbs in the Alps and two ing time

This 79th Tour seems to be designed

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The Associated Press The most curious race in the American League this season? from Smulyan's old owner's out. That's easy - Mark McGwire vs. John Ellis, chief executive officer,

The two Oakland stars again increased their major-league-leading totals Wednesday, with McGwire hitting his 27th home run and Eckersley earning his 28th save in a 3-1 victory over Seattle.

season, McGwire and Eck-All ersiey have been on a parallel. No elling which one will wind up with the higher oumber, but they're both on pace to break career highs --- 49 homers for McGwire in 1987, 48

Dennis Eckersley.

saves for Eckersley in 1990. The A's remained tied with Minnesota for first place in the American League West, one of two good division races.

Oakland and Seattle were tied at 1-1 in the eighth when Harold Baines singled with one out. Lance Blankenship went in as a pinch runner, and McGwire hit a 427-foot shot to center field against Mark Grant.

The game was the first for the Mariners under the new, Japaneseled ownership.

night, and some of the new Mariners owners watched the game from Smulyan's old owner's box. and Chuck Armstrong, club president, were at the game.

Twias 2, Angels 1: Minnesota won its south straight game, all on

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the road, behind Willie Banks and four relievers. The Twins have won 13 of 15 and are 6-0 against California this season.

Bine Jays 3, Rangers 2: Greg Myers doabled home the winning run in the 10th inning in Toronto.

Derek Bell, who made a running catch on Rafael Palmeiro's liner to left-center with the bases loaded to and the top of the 10th, opened the bottom half with a single. Myers followed with a double off Jeff

Russell

Orioles 7, Brewers 4; Bill Ripken went four for four with a homer and drove in three runs as Baltimore won at home. Brady Anderson and Sam Horn also homered

for the Orioles. Yankees 7, Royals 6: Pinch-hitter Matt Nokes's two-run homer in the seventh inning completed New York's rally from an early 6-0 defi-

cit at Yankee Stadium.

Phillies' Rookie Loses 10th Straight

The Associated Press Abbott worked six-plus innings Rookie Kyle Abbott is closing in on a Phillies' record. Unfortunateagainst the Expos, giving up seven hits and six runs. Dennis Martinez won for the

ly, it's a record for futility. The winless pitcher lost his 10th eighth time in 10 decisions. He alstraight game Wednesday night when the Montreal Expos beat the Phillies, 6-3, in Philadelphia. NATIONAL LEAGUE

lowed two runs and six hits in six If Abbott loses his next two deci-Chicago's Jose Vizcaino ducking under Eddie Murphy's late tag. The 5106-million sale by Jeff sions, he will equal Ken Reynolds's innings, struck out four and walked Smulyan to The Baseball Chub of 1972 team record for most consecu-Seattle was completed late Tuesday tive losses at the start of a season. perfect innings for his 13th save.

Pirates 1, Cardinals 0: Zane Smith threw a five-hitter in St. Louis for his first victory since May 9. Smith struck out one and walked. one in his third shutout and fourth. complete game this season. He had been winless in his nine previous. starts. Pittsburgh got its run in the fourth when Andy Van Slyke dou-bled and scored on Gary Varsho'ssingle off Mark Clark.

Red Sox 6, Tigers 4: Tom Brun-

The Red Sox trailed 4-1 before.

ansky's double capped a five-run.

seventh inning that lifted Boston -

Scott Cooper's RBI single off Bill

Gullickson and Jody Reed's sacri-

fice fly made it a one-run game. With the bases loaded, John Kie-

ly, the fourth pitcher of the inning, came in to face Brunansky, but the

move backfired as Brunansky

smacked a three-run double off the-

White Sox 8, Indians 5: Craig. Grebeck went five for five with

three doubles, two RBIs and two

runs scored as the White Sox won.

for the ninth time in 11 games.

left-center field wall.

over Detroit at Fenway Park.

Padres 6, Dodgers 2: Craig Lef-ferts became the National League's third 10-game winner, limiting the Dodgers to two runs in 6% innings. Every San Diego starter in Los Angeles had at least one hit off Orel Hershiser, who gave up four runs and 13 hits, the most hits he has; ever allowed in a game.

held Atlanta to five hits in 71/3 innings in San Francisco, and got a season-high five strikeouts.

straight, despite allowing just five hits in seven innings. Avery gave up, two first-inning runs oo Will Clark's RBI double and Robby Thompson's run-scoring single.

Mets 6, Cubs 4: Howard John-son hit a go-ahead RBI single in the 12th in Chicago and Junior Noboa added a sacrifice fly as New Yorkil stopped a three-game losing streak. Astros 3, Reds 2: Enc Anthony

hit a leadoff homer in the ninth off Scott Bankhead to give the Astros a. three-game sweep in Houston, Cincinnati starter Tom Browning in-, " jured his left leg in a sixth-inning collision with catcher Scott Servais ... and had to be helped off the field, ...

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Indurain is not claiming victory before-

hand. He is, in fact, trying to sound

my back and wearing the yellow jersey in my own country will mean a lot" he said

in an interview with local organizers.

"But they'll also add to the pressure on me. It's going to be very difficult." That was consistent with the warness

he has displayed since his Giro victory,

The double victory in the same year

would put him in elite company. Only

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But the soft-spoken --- sometime so

But now the seven regional operating By Alan Truscott companies created by the breakup, the C OUTH bad a chance to demonstrate so-called Baby Bells, are legally and fi-

cautionary.

He comes from the village of Villava, just outside Pamplona, in the neighboring Navarre province.

But as a Spanish journalist explained last year after Indurain'a victory in the Tour: "To most Spaniards, he is a Basque. To the Basques, he is a Spaniard, except that he becomes a Basque when he

Most members of the Banesto team.

"Except for bicycle racing, he has no interests," said Jean-François Bernard, a Franchman with Banesto, "He's so quiet since he turned professional in 1985, He has no interest, he often says, in going elsewhere just for money, and no-

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Quietly, Indurain Leaves No Doubt He's Tour's Choice Cut

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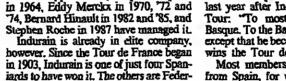
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Fausto Coppi in 1952, Jau

wins the Tour de France."

from Spain, for which he rides, regard him and his strength with what appears to be awe. They also respect the ways of a farmer's son.

you don't even hear him. When he comes down to a team meal, you don't even hear him pull his chair away from the table." In turn, Indurain regards his teanmates and coaches as family and has ridden for the same team under different sponsors

body doubts his sincerity.

elegance, his cap almost always in place and his jersey zippered closed under a "In the Tour, experience has taught me broiling sun that makes other riders wilt. that you oever do anything the way you do it in another race," he told the French Despite his fears of added pressure, Indurain will have the boge advantage of a start before his fans. Unlike the people daily L'Equipe after his victory in Italy. Asked if be could bring off the Giro-Tour double, he replied enigmatically, "It could be just as easy, if I ride the way I of San Sebastián, he is not a Basque but close to it: 90 kilometers (56 miles) away. did in the Giro, as it could be difficult."

ico Bahamontes in 1959, Luis Ocana in

climbers, a test in which Indurain has few

close rivals. He climbs with a certain

Spaniards have usually excelled as

1973 and Pedro Delgado in 1988.

By George Gilder. 126 pages. \$14.95. W. W. Norton & Co. Inc., 500 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10110.

Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

T HE age of television is dead, de-clares George Gilder — the author of such previous works as "Wealth and Poverty," "Men and Marriage" and "Mi-crocosm: The Quantum Revolution in Economic and the Content of the State of the State State of the State o Economics and Technology" - in his provocative if somewhat helter-skelter oew book, "Life After Television."

The downfall of television, be writes, lay in its original design. "Economic and technical constraints pushed the critical electronics out of the TV set and back into the broadcasting station. Nearly all of the system's intelligence - shaping, casting center."

But three innovations transformed television's technology:

"The invention of the transistor in 1948. the microchip in 1958 and the fiber-optic cable in the late 1970s made the top-down broadcast structure, with most of the intelligence at the station, obsolete."

The television set could oow do much of the work once done by the broadcast center. It could be replaced by a revolutionary oew appliance, the personal com-

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enormous, in Gilder's eyes: "Rather than exalting mass culture, the telecomputer will enhance individualism. Rather than cultivating passivity, the telecomputer

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puter, or, as Gilder calls it, the telecom-

The implications of this change :

will promote creativity. Instead of a master-slave architecture, the telecomputer will have an interactive architecture in which every receiver can function as a processor and transmitter of video images and other information. The telecomputer will usher in a new culture compatible with the immense even telephone executives. "To my surprise," he reports, "the most militant of all in attacking my argupowers of today's ascendant technol-

ogy." "Perhaps most important, the telemeots were the newspaper executives. Yet the implication of my argument was that newspapers could usurp their real rivals — the TV stations — as the prime computer will enrich and strengthen democracy and capitalism all around the world," the author concludes. purveyors of immediate news and information.

And bardly to be overlooked is that The upshot is that no one is now trying the telecomputer will enable the United States to exploit certain technological to develop the telecomputer of the future. And if the mainstream companies advantages it already has over Japan. continue to ignore its possibilities, So what's to keep the United States from marching boldly into the post-telethere's a looming danger that the United States will fritter away the considerable

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vision future that Gilder foresees? lead in computing that it still maintains over the rest of the world, and 'hat Japan Two particular things. First, there ex-ist large legal and financial impediments will develop the means to produce fiber

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Gilder's solution to the present stand-still? "Free the Bell Seven" and permit As Gilder tells it, the breakup of AT&T did serve paradoxically to get fiber-optic technology off the ground, thanks to the enterprise of William them to "compete effectively in telecommunications." McGowan, chief executive of MCI until

Christopher Lehmann-Haupt is on the staff of The New York Times.

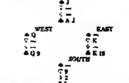
optics more cheaply than Americans can.

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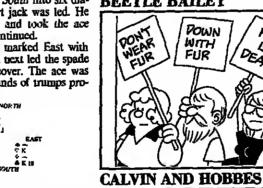
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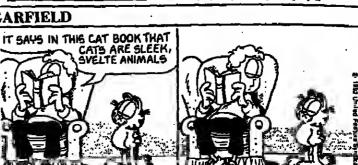




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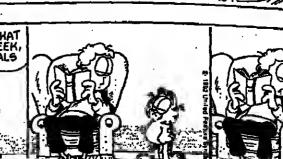




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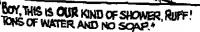


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A McEnroe-Agassi Showdown Americans Gain Semifinal, Seles and Graf Reach Final

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WIMBLEDON, England ---John McEnroe and Andre Agassi, who have practiced together throughout this tournament, swept into a semifinal showdown on Thursday, as Monica Seles over-came Martina Navratilova and Stelli Graf dominated Gabriela Sabatini to gain the women's final. Seles, who was admonished by the umpire for grunting too loudly, kept on course for her third Grand

Slam title of the year by beating Navratilova, 6-2, 6-7 (7-3), 6-4. She will face Graf, the defending champion, who defeated Gabriela Sabatini, 6-3, 6-3. McEnroe and Agassi joined Pete

Sampras in the semifinals, putting three Americans in the final four for the first time in 10 years. McEnroe saved six set points in

the second-set tiebreaker and went on to complete a 6-2, 7-6 (11-9), 6-3 victory over Guy Forget in a rain-delayed match to reach his first Wimbledon semi since 1989.

Agassi finished a 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 victory over the three-time way so many others had throughchampion Boris Becker to reach the out the match -- with Seles flashing Wimbledon semifinals for the first time.

"It's probably one of the greatest achievements of my career for sure," Agassi said,

Agassi will face McEnroe in Frithe open court, day's semifinals, with Sampras playing Goran Ivanisevic.

It looked like Seles would cruise into the final after winning the first set in just 28 minutes. But Navratilova came back in the second set by charging to the net behind chipped approach shots to neutralize Seles's groundstrokes.

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The final set ended with five consecutive service breaks. Down 4-5 and serving to stay in the contest, Navratilova saved one match point with a backhand volley. But she missed a forchand volley on the next point to give Seles a second match point.

This time, the point ended the Agassi's sixth straight victory over a backhand passing shot down the

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In a matchup of last year's finalists. Graf overwhelmed Sabatini from the baseline, moving her from side to side and hitting winners into

The last time three Americans reached the semifinals was in 1982, with McEnroe, Tim Mayotte and Jimmy Connors.

The Agassi-Becker match had been suspended by rain Wednes-day with Becker leading 4-3 in the fourth set with a service break.

The German came out strongly, holding at love for 5-3 and serving out the set in the 10th game with a service winner down the middle, But Agassi overwhelmed Becker

in the final set with his crushing returns and passing shots. It was

Becker, hut the first on grass. On his showdown with McEnroe, Agassi said, "Let me put it this way, there's probably a chance he wishes he hadn't practiced as much as he has with me in these past

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couple of weeks." McEnroe, suddenly back with a chance of winning the title for the first time since 1984 when Connors, not Agassi, was the American popular hero, does not feel his pupil knows all the master's tricks just

"I don't regret it," he said of the workouts. "It's a great opportunity ' for both of us. Ha's young and he's really inquisitive. He's very, very -smart, he asks good questions and "the rise to save a percon ground for it's nice to see a person respond so well. Jimbo was always the guy who returned my serve better than any-one but Andre's taken over that mantle. I'm playing very well but I know I can be beaten."

(AP, Reuters)

The Case of the Grunting Tennis Star: Order on the Court!

By Ian Thomsen International Herald Tribune

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WIMBLEDON, England - The follow-The sportswriters' names have been deleted because nobody cares about them.

The tribunal began with opening state-ments by defendant and plaintiff. SELES: There were two or three points when I said: 'Monica, don't grunt! Don't

grunt!' But it's such a tense match. "I guess probably when it became really

close, in a tiebreaker or whatever, I proba-bly was grunting again - which I don't NAVRATILOVA: "Well, it just gets

londer and louder. You cannot hear the all being hit. I was on my heels a couple of Testimony began with the cross-examination of Navratilova.

You could not hear the ball because of her grunting, is this correct? NAVRATILOVA: "Her argument is she is not doing it on purpose. But she can on the defensive here?"

stop it on purpose, you know."

Soccer Deal

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In Italy

Tuesday. And today, you, too, have complained twice to the umpire about your ing tribunal took place Thursday in the In-opponent's guttural utterances, Miss Nav-terview Room at Winbledon after Monica Seles's 6-2, 6-7 (3-7), 6-4 semifinal victory over Martina Navrasilova on Centre Court, the score tied 2-2, Miss Seles was sumgame of the second set, after which, with the score tied 2-2, Miss Seles was summoned to the umpire's chair and asked to, shall we say, put a sock in it. The second time you complained was in the seventh game of the final set, while you were in the process of breaking Miss Seles's serve to come within 4-3. Again, Miss Seles was

requested to minimize her hyena impulses. NAVRATILOVA: "She then progressively got worse again." Now, would you have raised this issue were Miss Seles the Nn 50 player in the

world, rather than No. I? NAVRATILOVA: "It would still bother me. It is always an issue. There is a player,

an Italian player, Piccolini. She is always getting warned also." This may be so, but you have played Miss Seles 11 previous times, and you wait-ed until the semifinal at Wimbledon to

complain about her grunting. NAVRATILOVA: "Are you putting me

An objection was made that the witness be It is well known that Nathalie Tauziat instructed to answer the question. This being match! Assess your own game!

complained about Miss Seles's grunting on the real world, and the witness being a multimillionaire superstar, she was not instructed of anything. Eleven times you have played her.

NAVRATILÓVA: "Right." Never complained before.

NAVRATILOVA: "Because it gets - it is louder than it's been." A lot of us saw her lose to Linda Ferrandn at the U.S. Open in '90, and lose to Zina Garrison here two years ago. It's nn

louder than it was then. NAVRATILOVA: "Oh yes it is. Believe me, I've played against her, Yon aren't the one that has to hear the bump getting hit on the racket, O.K.?"

We can hear that. NAVRATILOVA: "You hear what?" We all can hear her grunting and we also

can hear her hitting the ball. NAVRATILOVA: "Am I on trial here or is ber grunting on trial? I mean, I am not -you sound like I am making sour grapes. I was complaining when I was winning,

you know. It was close. I wasn't trying to get her off balance or do any kind of amesmanship on my part." A rebel sportswriter broke in and shouted out a question about the actual match:

Martina, did you feel it was a quality

that guy writes tomorrow. Unbelievable."

I think he's entitled to write whatever he wishes!

The writer was then nominated for a Pulitzer Prize

NAVRATILOVA: "He certainly is. He doesn't have to hear the ball, though, does

Ynu say he did not -NAVRATILOVA: "This is unbelieveble. 1 am on trial here! If 1 don't say anything, I'm damned! If 1 do, I'm damned! That is a Catch 22, is it not?" Realizing that the witness is hopelessly rattled, the interrogators suspend this phase of the cross-examination and spend the next few minutes lobbing up nice, easy questions

about the match. We now return to her testimony at the end that session

NAVRATILOVA: "What the hell. I could have won, if I had just believed a little more. I could have won," Perhaps you should have grunted.

NAVRATILOVA: "I thought about it. udience chuckles.) You know, I don't want to take anything away from Monica. Grunting or not, she is a great player and certainly deserved to win today. I think she

would have beaten me even without the grunt,"

At this point Navratilava stood up and left, Questions were also taken by the defen-dant, Miss Seles. Her history of nervous exhortations has been well documented. For the first three years of her career she was known to giggle throughout her press confer-ences. She giggled throughout her answers to every question. She was a teenage Woody Woodpecker. But then she stopped denying, she fought the giggles, she beat them, and now she serves as an example that anyone, so long as they really want to stop enjoying themselves, can be serious.

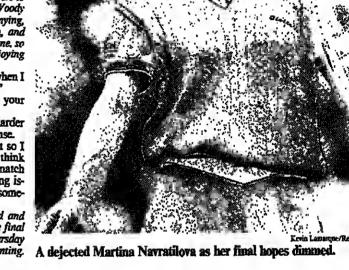
SELES: "I do hope that next year when I come back here I won't be grunting." Well, you know that you stopped your

giggling last year. SELES: "Yes. But this was much harder because it's in a match and it's so tense.

"I would really love to get rid of it so I won't have to go through this. I don't think it's pleasant for me, you know, in a match to always concentrate on the grunting issue, or thinking, "Will the umpire say something now?" Or whatever."

Monica Seles will meet No. 2 seed and defending champion Steffi Graf in the final Saturday. Miss Graf indicated Thursday that she also might complain about grunting.







BONN (Renters) — German sports officials, embarrassed by the legal technicality that helped the sprinter Katrin Krabbe avoid a drug ban, have surprised the double world champion with special stringent dope tests. Krabbe and her teammates Grit Brever and Silke Möller, whom the

4th Victory Clinches U.S. Team's Olympic Berth

By David Aldridge Washington Past Service PORTLAND, Oregon - Michael Jorleft side of the floor in

The 41-point margin of victory was the smallest during the tournament for the United States, which is now winning by an average of 56 points per game. And it may have been the most mething during without control of the tournament, the United States which is now within distributed to the tournament, the United States are to the tournament to the tournament, the United States are to the tournament are to the tournament to the tournament are to the tournament.

NAVRATILOVA: "I want to see what

Another sportswriter called out bravely

Remers. TURIN - The police fired tear gas to disperse hundreds of Totino fans who laid seige to the soccer club's headquarters to protest the transfer of the 23-year-old striker Gian-higi Lentini to AC Milan.

Windows were broken, gar-bage cans set on fire and one policeman was taken to a hospital with head injuries as the fans rampaged around the building on Wednesday night.

Earlier, several dozen fans had jostled and jeered Lentini as he left a news agency office, where he had been fending off questions about reports of a record fee.

Milan's millionaire owner, Silvio Berlusconi, has denied that he paid \$20 million to Torino in a four-year package worth \$36.5 million.

"It was much, much less," he said in a statement.

The highest transfer fee ever is \$13 million paid in 1990 by Juventus for Fiorentina's Roberto Baggio, although Gian-luce Vialli's move from Samp-dona this year was reputed to have cost Juventus \$25 million

In Malmo, Sweden, a Swed-ish court sentenced an English soccer fan to six months in prison for assault, the stiffest ntence so far for hooligan--ism during last month's European Championships.

Garry Swain, 37, from Lecester, received the sen-tence on Wednesday after being convicted of an unpro-voked attack on another English supporter, court offi-icials said on Thursday. International Amateur Athletic Federation arbitration panel decided not to ban for allegedly rigging dope samples, underwent random tests at their Neubrandenburg club on Thursday.

"The athletes gave urine samples before a training session and they were scheduled for further tests immediately after training," a Neubrandenburg club official said. A German sports federation anti-doping official confirmed that the federation had made a special order for the tests on the trio and did not give the athletes any warning.

Pine Bluff Is Retired After Injury

NEW YORK (NYT) — Pine Bluff, the colt who won the Preakness Stakes and later the \$1 million bonus for best performance in the Triple Crown series of races, has been forced into retirement at the age of 3 after tearing a ligament in his left forcleg during a routine gallop a week ago Belmont Park.

The horse, an illustrious and rich son of Danzig and grandso Northern Dancer, was injured while exercising during a brief vac-from serious training. He ran fifth in the Kentucky Derby, first in Preakness and third in the Belmont Stakes, won the \$1 million bonu best overall record in the classics and raised his earnings to \$2.25 m But in a light workout on June 22, just 16 days after the Belmo

apparently took the misstep that ended his career. John E. Anthon nberman and banker from Arkansas who owns Pine Bluff an Loblolly Stable, said Wednesday that veterinarians had tried to he injury for a week before deciding that Pine Bluff could not race a

Tarpley Joins Salonica of Greece

SALONICA, Greece (AP) - The former Dallas Mavericks fo Roy Tarpley has signed a two-year contract with Aris Salonica, the announced Thursday.

announced infirstary. The club refused to announce the financial terms involved in contract, but newspapers reported the former National Basketball / ciation player would cost Aris \$1.25 million. The reports also sai contract, which took effect July 1, includes a free apartment, a can airline tickets for an unspecified number of trips to the United Sta "It's a new start for me in Europe and I want to succeed," said Tar 28. The NBA suspended Tarpley for at least two seasons in October failing to adhere to the league's anti-drug program.

For the Record

A team of major league baseball all-stars will travel to Japan this fi eight exhibition games against Japanese stars, it was amounced We day. The series will begin at the Tokyo Dome on Oct. 29. Wisconsin and Michigan State will play a conference football gas Tokyo on Dec. 5, 1993, the first overseas game in the Big Ten.

Quotable

Eric Lindros, who refused to play for the Quebec Nordiques, sitting down at a luncheon sponsored by the Hockey News: "It is a an honor when you are unemployed to have a free meal."

the second half of the U.S.-Argentina game at the Tournament of the Americas. levitated as only he can, and tossed down a furious, I'm-the-only-guy-in-the-world-

who-can-dunk-like-this jam. The Argentines on the bench did the only thing they could. They applauded.

That was the essence of the Americans' fourth straight tournament victory, a 128-87 exercise Wednesday night that officially qualified the United States for the Olympic Games in Barcelona later this month.

have been the most gushing display of affection by an opponent to date.

The Argentines wanted pictures before the game. They wanted pictures at halftime. They wanted jerseys. They took pictures on the bench. They shook hands. And guard Marceln Milanesio made it his task to get Magic Johnson's jersey if at all possible.

Jordan had his best game of the tourna-ment, scoring 24 points to lead the U.S. team. Charles Barkley had 23, and Chris Mullin scored 18. The Argentines were led

States again played without Larry Bird, who missed his third straight game with a sore lower back. Clyde Drexler also sat

with a sore right knee. Bird said after the game that he might return to Boston this week in receive medical treatment on his back, The Associated

Press reported. ["I know what could happen if I played right now," he said. "I could be out the rest

of the summer." With four straight victories here, the U.S. team clinched first place in its five-

The top four teams in the 10-team field will qualify for Barcelona. In the second half, the U.S. team went to

a twin-towers alignment, with Patrick Ew-ing (15 points, eight rebounds) and David Robinson (14 points, four rebounds).

We thought it could be a very interesting lineup," said the U.S. coach, Chuck Daly. "It gives us two major-league shotblockers. David can really run the floor and fill any lane yon want. It's a team we thought about, a pressure team."

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OBSERVER The Super Snoops

By Russell Baker WASHINGTON - The White House professes shock and house professes shock and sorrow at evideoce that Ross Perot likes to snoop around in people's lives - likes to have people believe it or not - investigated. It makes you wonder what world

the White House has been living in lately. Surely Presideot Bush knows his own vast investigating empire makes Inspector Perot look inke a bush-la gue San Spade. Or maybe it was Philip Marlowe, maybe Humphrey Bogart, with the battered old heap, bottle of booze in. the desk drawer and bills for \$25 a day and expenses.

Remember those awful beatings Spade, Marlowe, Bogart took for a lousy \$25 a day and expenses? That's the investigating weight class Perot belongs in when compared with George Bush. It's Bush who has all the guns, yet he professes alarm about Snooper Perot. Investigating people, Ross? Shame. Shame.

Isn't this the same George Bush who, in one of his previous government jobs, ran the CIA, America's multibillion-dollar snoop to the whole darn world?

Dear Mr. President, sir, know thyself: The FBI is yours too. The FBI - keeper of the dossiers, eavesdropper extraordinaire, the agency that entertained presidents with steamy recordings its agents had made with equipment hidden in Martin Luther King's bedrooms. Ho, ho, ho. What a good time was had by vital government men listening to those tapes.

That was before your time, of course. Everything clean as a hound's tooth over at FBI these days. Wouldn't snoop on anybody now. Still, it could. It still has what Pentagon mushmouth speech would call powerful snoop capability.

Then there's the IRS, whose mission is to plumb the private life of Anerica. No \$25-a-day limit on those babies. Nowadays it's the IRS that dishes out the punishment, puts the boot into your ribs. Takes your car, takes your house, takes your pants. You can keep the wife and kids,

The IRS has Treasury zillions. and computers galore instead of battered old heaps, not to mention officially licensed, college-certified snoopers who come right into your house and sit there for a week going

bankbooks because some infallible to teach you a good lesson told them your measly salaried job is actually a cover under which you're running an international smuggling ring.

l could run on about governmeots' thousand investigating arms, hut it would be misleading to purely governmental sport. In a newspaper it would be outrageous hypocrisy, because what are newspapers up to when dishing out tales about Kennedys, congressmen's banking habits, Elizabeth Taylor's

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weights and marriages, and -And, well, all those tons of invaded-privacy material we provide you. You, of course, wouldn't have joined the vital men having such a - ho-ho-ho - good time listening to FBI tapes hot from the M. L King boudoir. You are too civi-lized. So why do you read the fruits

of our daily invasions of the priva-cy of Kennedys, Clintons, Bushes, Perots, Liz Taylors, Madonnas, Warren Beattys . . . ? You don't, of course. It's other

people who read that shameful rot. Another way to put it is to say that those other people have resigned themselves to the modern reality. No sensible American nowadays believes his life is anything but an open book for browsing by any snooper with the energy to work the fantastic engines of exposure

now operating shamelessly throughout the land. Example: Telephone a catalogsales company. Chances are you'll be asked for your telephone number, then be told what your full nume and address are, and asked if

that is correct. They could tell you your age and credit rating, too, and what your house cost, the latest medical report on your kidneys, what your sexual preferences ere, how many children and in-laws you have, whether you prefer coffee, tea or milk, and lots more. These things they won't tell you, of course. Such information is given only to people who want to use it against you.

It's shameful of the White House to try to make us think Perot threatens our privacy. It's impossible to threaten our privacy. Everything is already known.

Check It Out: The Venetian Reggae Band

By Roderick Conway Morris JENICE - The winged Lioo of SI. Mark, ancient symbol of the city, has acquired a raffish rival, whose right-on leonine features, crowned with a red, yellow and green Rastafarian tea-cosy hat, carring, suspicious-looking conical cigarette, and "Pax Tibi" ("Peace be with you") badge, have been appearing oo posters all over town.

The irreverent upstart is the emblem of Pitura Freska (Wet Paint), Venice's very own all-Venetian reggae band which, having shot to fame over the last few months, has just embarked on a nationwide tour, including concerts in Rome, Naples, Florence, Bologna and Turin, that goes on until the end of September. The band was founded in the early '80s

by self-styled "Sir Oliver" Skardy, guitarist and school caretaker, and bass-player Francesco Casucci. It oow has nine male instrumentalists and two female backup

singers. The initial breakthrough for Pitura Freska came last year with the release of their CD/cassette "'Na Bruta Banda" (An Ugly Bunch), the title of its opening number, which excoriates the greed and dishonesty of Italian politicians and officials — a theme that becomes ever more topical with almost daily arrests of local government figures on corruption charges. The album has so far sold about 150,000

I caught up with the band on the roof of Venice's Municipal Garage, a six-story building at the end of the causeway that building at the end of the causeway that links the city to the mainland, where, against a panoramic backdrop of Venice under a thundery sky, they were shooting scenes for their first video.

All Pitura Freska's sharp, inventive and often very funny songs are in veneziano, Venetian dialect, which is well-nigh in-comprehensible to other Italian speakers (when they first played in Naples, said trumpeter Valerio Silvestri, "people came up afterwards and tried to speak Spanish to us!"). I asked Sir Oliver Skardy resplendent in dreadlocks and white straw hat --- who writes the songs and delivers them with punch and panache, whether he wasn'l afraid that this might limit their appea

"The first thing people are interested in is the music," he said. "After all, they listen to songs in English the whole time without understanding a word. Then, gradually, they pick up on the meaning. But anyway, I ocver thought of writing in

anything but Venetian." Cristiano Verardo, guitarist and leader of the musical side of the group, added: "In Venice everybody speaks venetiano for us it's not a dialect, it's a language ---the first language we learn, So, naturally,



Members of Pitura Freska, with "Sir Oliver" Skardy in the middle: sharp, inventive and often very funny songs.

we're much more spontaneous and expressive in it than Italian. We think it's more musical too."

Both words and music are influenced by the latest trends in reggae — notably raga-muffin, or dancehall style, with its heavy musical pulse and liberal spicing of sexual innuendo and double entendre. "Zuca Baruca" (Gourd), for example, includes a ribald catalogue of the supposed virtues and vices of the women of Venice's different parishes, delivered at a breakneck, rapping pace.

There's a strong 'fashion' factor in this kind of music," said Christiano Verardo, "And we try to keep up with, and even get ahead of the field. But there are some trends we won't follow, such as having smaller and smaller bands using electron-ics to supply the instruments. We think a big lineup on stage is much more exciting in a live concert."

One of their most popular numbers is "Oi 'odemo veder i Pin Floi" (Let's go see Pink Floyd) — the "Oi" of the title and

refrain being the warning call made by boatmen when they round blind corners on canals, which has also become a vernacular greeting. The song is the pica-resque tale of Skardy's attempt m get to the disastrous Pink Floyd concert three years back when 200,000 fans descended on the city, leaving the place vandalized and under mountains of refuse that took the army several days to clear up. Arriving late by train, Skardy oever actually reaches the concert, retires to a har to drown his sorrows, and at dawn is nearly beaten up by some out-of-town heavies, after politely suggesting to their obnox-ious, whining girlfriends, who are loudly holding forth about how horrible Venice is, that they should have stayed at home. As the keyboard player Rino Zinno ex-plained: "For Skardy that night was like

coming home and finding a hundred complete strangers in his living room." When not chronicling events or launching trenchant, richly earned attacks on the establishment. Skardy's lyrics take a more

surreal turn. His vision of transforming Marghera — Venice's sprawing industrial district on the mainland, where he lives — imm a subtropical paradise has the refrain: "Marghera sensa fabriche saria più sana / 'Na jungla de panoce, pomodori e marijuana." (Marghera without factories would be more healthy / A jungle of corn-cobs, tomatoes and marijuana.) And "Bea Fia" ("Lovely Gid") with a strong dash of soul,

The proceeds of Pitura Freska's racy, highly entertaining Venice concert on June 29, which even had the local police discreetly jiving and joining in the songs, is to go to children in Ethiopia - a fitting opportunity for the new-version, Rastainspired Lion of Venice to lend a helping paw to the hard-pressed land of the Lion of Judah.

Roderick Conway Morris is based in Venice and writes for The New York Times and The Spectator.

PEOPLE

Trump Eyes the Profits From Ex-Wife's Book

Celebrity follies: After a second court decision upheld a gag rule on Ivana Trump, her former husband Donald, triumphantly said be mihe L.S. L should receive the profits of the novel, "For Love Alone," that she has been jet-setting around the world to promote. The book is a thinly veiled tale about a skier from The 1980 Czechoslovakia who marries an American tycoon. Trump has also threatened to cut off her generous alimony and housing allowance. "Tve paid enough," the Donald-said. Tune in tomorrow. п

The physicist Stephen Having has made it into the "Guinness" Book of Records." "A Brief History of Time," at 184 weeks, has now. outstayed any other book on the British best-seller list.

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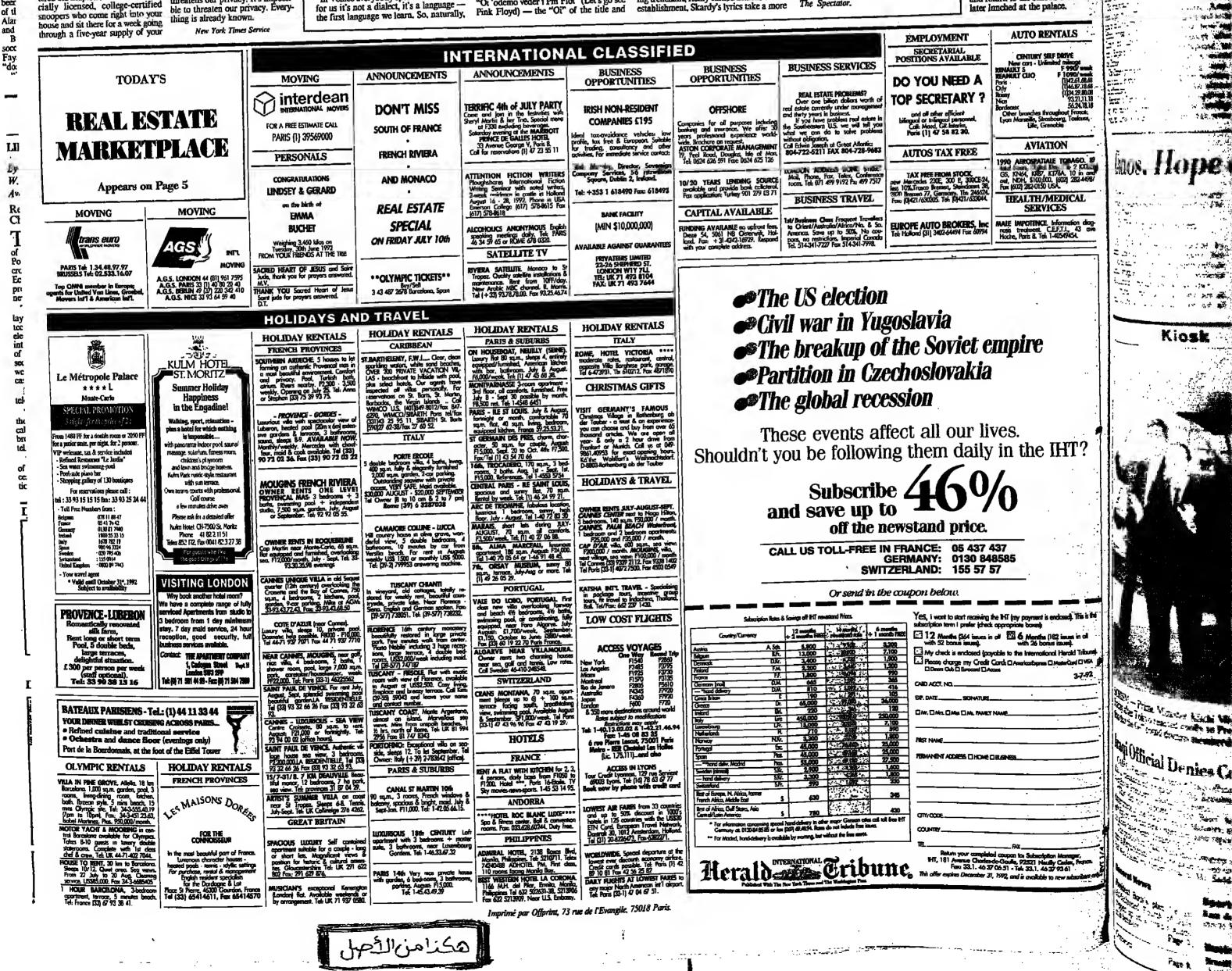
This time around Anne-Inclin Radice, chairwoman of the National Endowment for the Arts, was able to say yes, approving all 1,167 grants, worth \$63 million, recommended by her advisory council. Her veto of grants to two college. art galleries for shows that included . sexual imagery in May set off widespread protests in the arts world.

John Singleton, the 24-year-old director of "Boyz N the Hood," is. planning to debut on TV with a series about south-central Los Angeles. "The Champ" will chronicle a black boxer's struggle in the inner city.

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The annulment of Princess Caroline of Monaco's marriage to Philippe Junot dragged on for a decade because Junot refused to meet with Vatican officials, the magazine Paris Match reports. However, the Vatican, which approved the an-oulment Wednesday, isn't saying which of the two was judged not to have fully accepted the responsibilities of marriage.

As the world press stalked their every move, Prince Charles and Princess Diana joined their 7-year old son Harry on his last day at school on Thursday. Charles took morning, then drove back to Kensington Palace to pick up Diana and return to the school. The three later lunched at the palace.



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